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Fort Almanac—Dec. 22.

Sun Rises	7 08 A M
Sun Sets	4 50 P M
Day's Length	9 h 42 m
High Water at Southport	5 57 P M
High Water at Wilmington	7 37 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 21.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 51°; 8 p. m., 58°; maximum, 61°; minimum, 41°; mean, 51°

Rainfall for the day, trace; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2.75.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A trough of low pressure extends from the central Gulf northeast to over the New England States, with lowest barometer over Alabama and off the middle Atlantic coast. A high barometer area covers the central western valleys. Rain is falling generally over the South and Southwest, and along the Atlantic coast from Florida north to Virginia. Snow is falling over the lakes. Fair weather prevails over the West. It is warmer along the Atlantic coast and eastern Gulf States and colder over the Ohio and Tennessee valleys and thence northwest. Present conditions indicate unsettled showery weather over this locality until Thursday, then clearing and fair, colder weather the remainder of the week.

Local forecast to 12 midnight Wednesday—Showers; cooler Wednesday night; variable winds.

Stage of water at Fayetteville at 8 a.m., 35 feet.

OUTLINES.

Assistant Secretary Spalding has issued orders for the release of the schooner Silver Heels at Wilmington, N. C. —— Jno. D. Hart, principal owner of the vessels of the Hart Steamship Co., against which there have been many charges of filibustering, has been taken to the penitentiary. —— The general tone of the New York dry goods market is hopeful, with expectation of good Spring trade. —— Miss Lelia Herbert, daughter of ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert, committed suicide by jumping from her bed-room window in the third story of her father's residence, Washington, D. C., while temporarily insane. —— The State Department at Washington is investigating the killing of two American sailors of the Asiatic squadron by Japanese. —— The U. S. steamship Bancroft, while entering the harbor at Smyrna on the night of December 5th, was fired upon from the fort; upon demand of the U. S. Minister at Constantinople apology was made by the Turkish government and two Turkish officers were dismissed. —— The Millbury cotton mills at Worcester, Mass., announce a cut in wages of ten per cent., and the Fiskdale mills at Surbridge will lower the wage scale on January 3. —— The Conservative party in Cuba declare that autonomy will not bring peace to the island. —— The Auditorium and the Auditorium hotel in Kansas City, Mo., destroyed by fire; the loss is over $300,000, and insurance only $75,000. —— Revolting Arabs have made a demonstration at Tripoli, and are surrounded by Turkish troops. —— Pittsburg coal miners and operatives postponed discussion of the mining rate pending meeting of the inter-State convention. —— Matty Matthews won the ring fight with Mike Leonard at Rochester, N. Y. —— Weyler is preparing a protest against President McKinley's message. —— A French cruiser has been sent to China. —— France has increased the duties on hog products. —— Hon. Wm. J. Bryan and wife were entertained yesterday at dinner by President Diaz of Mexico. —— Russia is said to be sending troops overland to Port Arthur. —— A package containing $1,000 was stolen from the Southern Express office in Columbia, S. C., last Sunday. —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 1@4 per cent., last loan at 1, and closed offered at 1 per cent.; cotton steady; middling 5⅞c; flour was more active on spring patents and winter grades, but eased off near the close; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red 99⅛ f. o. b. afloat; corn—spot weak; No. 2 34⅞c f. o. b. afloat; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady.

Kaiser William says he wants a big navy, but no war. He probably wants a great fleet that he may make a great splurge when he goes upon the water. Wm. is a daisy.

Hon. Chauncey M. Depew says this country has not produced one great orator in twenty years. Chauncey's modesty bespeaks his merit, or words to that effect.

Mr. Dingley, who doesn't like to acknowledge that his job is a failure, says the receipts next year will exceed the expenditures. If they do there must be a powerful lopping off in the expenditures.

A Macon, Ga., letter carrier who was caught opening letters, was acquitted on the ground that the letters he was proved to have opened were "decoy" letters and were not intended for the mails.

It now appears that Gen. Rivera, who was reported to have been pardoned some time ago and went back to Spain, was taken to Spain to be imprisoned there to guard against his escape and again joining the insurgents.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Ledger* says Mr. McKinley has taken under advisement the proposition to fix up the civil service to suit the kicking patriots. This means that he is weakening and will tumble.

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The STAR will be delivered by carrier at any point in the city at 12 cents per week, or 45 cents per month.

The Baltimore *Sun* rises to ask if there are two Malsters. Malster is Mayor of Baltimore, who was elected on the Republican ticket, and had the support of the *Sun*. But it finds Malster before election and Malster after two different individuals, as far as partisan performances and speeches go, and hence the inquiry. The *Sun* feels as if it had been duncoed—and it has.

Henry Watterson can't see any use in making so much fuss over that 45 year old bottle of whiskey which Miss Richardson sent to Secretary Herbert to christen the Kentucky with. He says it was only, by admission, fifteen years old when bottled and that whiskey never gets better after being corked up, and therefore it was really only 15 year old "sperits."

The lawyers who will defend Luetgert, the Chicago sausage man, will put in the plea that his wife skipped with another man, and an Englishman, too. Then what are they going to do with all the Mrs. Luetgerts that showed up in the last trial as wandering around the country?

A Kansas City paper says there is not a statesman in Washington "who does not know that the pension roll has been swelled from year to year with thousands of fraudulent claimants." But they have as little stomach to prod into it as they would into a dead mule swelled with poison.

The bill passed by the Senate against pelagic seal killing also prohibits the importation of seal skins into this country. If the House pass this bill it knocks the seal skin jacket, &c., out, and then somebody will hear some remarks from the sisters.

The French are the most economical people in the world. A genius has invented an apparatus to do one's chewing and save the wear and tear on the teeth.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

I. B. RHODES—Culinary triumph.
PALACE MARKET—Choice edibles.
WIL. ST'P WORKS—Rubber stamps.
FRENCH CAFE—Luxuries of season.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The French Cafe announces, through the STAR to-day, what will be its leading attractions during the holidays.

— Mrs. J. W. Barnes is having a handsome two story house erected on Market street, between Ninth and Tenth streets.

— The Harmony Circle gave an enjoyable whist party last night at their hall. Suitable prizes were awarded, and, after which, dancing was indulged in, followed by a midnight supper.

— Mrs. Mary Lewis, while out driving with her husband yesterday, was thrown from the buggy and slightly injured, as the result of a collision with a dray driven by Mr. J. F. Sellers.

— On Tuesday evening, December 28th, Rev. David Marx, of Atlanta, Ga., will lecture at the Temple of Israel on the "Ages of Transition." The lecture will be for the benefit of the Atlanta Orphan Asylum.

— The best representation of Santa Claus that the holidays so far have brought out is at Polvogt's. Every afternoon old "Santa" himself can be seen stuffing the children's stockings, climbing up and down the chimney, and making himself generally conspicuous.

— That was a nice little "scoop" the STAR made on the Wilmington Postmastership Sunday morning. The news given exclusively by the STAR was just what everybody in Wilmington, and many beyond, wanted to know. The doubt that had existed about the outcome of the fight for the postoffice sharpened the appetite for reliable information.

Foot Ball.

The O. A. N. and A. C. L. foot ball teams, through their hard practicing, have put themselves in such condition as will warrant an excellent game here on Christmas day. Enthusiasm is rising as the contest draws near, and the boys say they will put up the game of their lives.

Members of both teams are requested to meet at their usual practice places to-night.

Special inducements on Carpet and Rugs the balance of this week at The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

Open evenings, The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. Isaam Hogeland, of Verona, was here yesterday.

— Capt. J. S. Hartsell, of Tarboro, was here yesterday.

— Mr. W. A. Rourk, of Shallotte, was here yesterday.

— Mr. I. J. Scott, of Rose Hill, was here yesterday.

— Mr. H. L. Fry, of Greensboro, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. C. C. Murphy, of Atkinson, was a caller at this office yesterday.

— Mr. A. F. Toon, of Whiteville, was among yesterday's visitors in the city.

— Mr. Pride Thomas returned from college yesterday to spend the holidays.

— Mr. W. H. Woolvin, of Sloop Point, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

— Mr. S. J. Sidbury and son, of Ashton, were among yesterday's visitors in the city.

— Dr. Charles E. Taylor, President of Wake Forest College, is in the city on a brief visit.

— Mrs. D. E. Winstead, of Washington city, arrived in the city last evening to spend Christmas.

— Messrs. James Post and Milton Elliott returned yesterday from Chapel Hill to spend the holidays.

— Messrs. Wm. Reed and J. L. Martin, of the Seaboard Air Line, were among yesterday's hotel registrarions.

— Mr. C. G. Southerland, Jr., has returned for the holidays from Washington city, where he has been attending school.

— Among yesterday's arrrivals, W. H Deaver, Asheville; H. A. Jarman, Jacksonville; R. R. Hobbs, Hub; D. H. Haraly, Chadbourn.

— Mr. C. P. Parker, a leading citizen of Bladen county, who was in the city yesterday, gives a most favorable account of the political outlook in that county. Many who voted the Populist ticket last year, he says, have determined to come back to the Democratic party.

— Fayetteville *Observer*, Dec. 21st: "News has reached here of the serious illness, with pneumonia in New York, of Mr. D. Reid Williams, brother of our esteemed countyman, Mr. R. L Williams, of Cottonade." Telegrams received by Mr. Williams' relatives in this city Monday night brought the gratifying information that he was out of danger and improving rapidly.

MAGNOLIA NEWS.

Death of an Aged Lady—Negro Boy Fatally Injured—Heavy Shipments of Turkeys and Tube-Rose Bulbs.

Mrs. Margaret Murray, aged about 78 years, relict of Guilford Murray, died on the 17th, at her home near Magnolia, and was interred at the family burying ground on Saturday, the 18th.

Ernest Carlton, a negro boy, eighteen years old, on last Friday, near Magnolia, was caught under a tree that he was cutting down and so badly crushed that he died next day.

Three hundred and twenty dressed turkeys in one shipment was the record made by Mr. H E Newbury yesterday. They were consigned to a Richmond; Va., house and will be donated by a tobacco concern to its employes for Christmas.

Messrs. Croom & Newbury are now weekly shipping two or three car loads of tube-rose bulbs and have stock sufficient to keep them at it for two months to come.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—630 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 51 bbls rosin, 48 bbls tar, 18 bbls crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—583 bales cotton, 17 casks spirits turpentine, 54 bbls rosin, 113 bbls tar, 35 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—99 bales cotton, 14 casks spirits turpentine, 88 bbls rosin, 28 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—263 bales cotton, 33 casks spirits turpentine, 81 bbls rosin, 80 bbls tar.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—145 bbls rosin, 128 bbls tar, 18 crude turpentine.

Total receipts—Cotton, 1,563 bales spirits turpentine, 74 casks; rosin, 419 bbls; tar, 396 bbls; crude turpentine, 61 bbls.

Christmas at the Palace Market.

The Palace Market, corner Market and Second streets, Messrs. Jno. F. Garrell & Co., proprietors, has assumed a merry Christmas appearance, and tastily decorated as it is with nature's green holly, etc., and with choice meats everywhere in sight, the scene is truly a festive one and affords a feast (to the eye) which is entirely gratis. The market is brilliantly illuminated during the evening by many incandescent electric lights, and from 6 to 8 o'clock the Metropolitan band (colored), from Charleston, numbering eight pieces, discourse sweet refrains. A pleasant time is assured all visitors by Manager George Tilley and his corps of assistants.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cent This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculte the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always advance.

Dolls, Pictures, Handkerchiefs, Collar and Cuff Boxes for sale at The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

Proceedings of Regular Meeting — City Financial Exhibit—Bills Approved.

The Board of Audit and Finance met in regular session on yesterday afternoon. Present, H. C. McQueen, H. A. Decover and J. H. Webber.

On motion of Mr. Decover Mr. McQueen was elected chairman pro tempore.

The following report was read, and on motion adopted, as the sense of the board, viz:

To the Board of Audit and Finance:

The committee to whom was referred the contract for an artesian well desire to make the following report: We appointed a meeting with the committee from the Board of Aldermen and invited the Clarendon Water Works Co. to confer with us. Messrs. Divine, Kidder and Robertson, representing the Water Works Co., came to the meeting and informed us that their company had made a contract for an artesian well of twelve-inch diameter and proposed to get a supply of good water as soon as possible. They very frankly stated that they would furnish drinking water in various parts of the city, as many as twelve faucets and six places for watering stock, free of cost to the city. Having no doubt that the Water Works Company will do what their representatives expressed themselves as willing to do, we recommend that the Board of Aldermen take the necessary steps to get a written agreement, covering the above from the company, that they have a reasonable time to carry out the agreement, and that the city authorities do nothing towards boring a well.

D L GORE,
C. W. YATES.
H. C. MCQUEEN,
B. F. KEITH.

The clerk submitted a statement of the examination of the books of the treasurer and tax collector for the month of November, showing: Cash on hand November 1, $18,056 89, receipts for month of November, $19,019 91; disbursements in November, $9 775.03, balance to December account, $15,301 27.

A bill of Messrs. Ricaud & Bryan for $125 for legal services rendered in two cases in the Superior Court, Kure vs. city of Wilmington, suit for $90,000 alleged damages, and Highsmith vs. city of Wilmington, suit for $5,000 alleged damages, was allowed.

A bill for $30 50, expenses of Assistant Chief H. P. Haney, of Atlanta, in coming to Wilmington and during his stay, was allowed.

Bills were audited and approved as follows: Current expenses, $3 264 25; quarantine, $309 55; coupons, $180.

On motion the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

THE FISHBLATE ASSIGNMENT.

Argument Concluded on the Motion to Set Aside Attachment—Decision Reserved.

Argument on the motion made by Mr. S. H. Fishblate, through his counsel, to vacate the attachment of Messrs. Wallerstein & Klee, a firm in New York city, which attachment was sued out and executed on the fifth of last month, a day previous to the filing of a deed of assignment by Mr. Fishblate, was concluded yesterday morning, but Col. John D. Taylor, clerk of the Superior Court, before whom the arguments have been made, reserved his decision.

Yesterday Col. Thos. W. Strange made the closing argument in behalf of the defendant, Mr. S. H. Fishblate, although afterwards a few remarks were made by several of the attorneys in the case who argued last Saturday, John D. Bellamy, Esq., one of the counsel for the plaintiffs, and Geo. Rountree, Esq., and E. K. Bryan, Esq., two of the counsel for the defendant. Col. Taylor will probably render his decision in the suit to-day.

Judgment Against Dr. Blue Mountain Still Unsatisfied.

Dr. Blue Mountain Joe yesterday failed to settle the judgment granted in Justice McGowan's court Monday afternoon to the members of the show band for $300, wages alleged to be due and sued for, and consequently the tent and other fixtures attached remains in the hands of the sheriff, and will be advertised and sold unless the judgment granted is satisfied or bond given to stay the sale.

Dr. Blue Mountain Joe states that the tent does not belong to him, but is the property of a tobacco firm in Winston, which firm possesses an absolute bill of sale of the tent; that he (Dr. Blue Mountain Joe) only rented the tent to give his performances in, and that he has telegraphed the owners of the tent, who replied that they had written to him about it.

A Fitting Christmas Present to a Former North Carolinian.

Mr. Henry K. Nash sends every Christmas to his brother in New York city, Mr. Edward S. Nash, a barrel of lightwood knots and a 'possum. The happy recipient of this unique present, who is an ardent lover of the old North State, gathers at his home a number of other North Carolinians and dispenses to them genuine Tar Heel hospitality by the light of a blazing fire of pine knots, regaling their appetites with copious helpings of fat opossum.

If anything will revive memories of Mr. Nash's former State, pine knots and baked 'possum will do the work.

Travellers and Business Men's Banquet.

The Commercial Travellers and Business Men's banquet will be held at Southern Pines on January 8th. It will be under the auspices of the Seaboard Air Line and at the Piney Woods Inn. Tickets from all points on the S. A. L. will be on sale the 7th and 8th, limited to return January 10th. Only one fare will be charged for the round trip.

Bazaar at Convent of Mercy.

The children of St. Thomas' Catholic Church gave a bazaar yesterday afternoon at the Convent of Mercy, on Fourth street. The proceeds, which were gratifyingly large, were devoted to charity purposes.

Down Pillows, Fine Cushions, Bureau Scarfs, at The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

SCHOONER SILVER HEELS.

The Suspected Vessel Cleared and Sailed Yesterday—No Evidence That She Was Managed in Any Unlawful Enterprise.

The much talked of schooner *Silver Heels* passed down the river last night about seven o'clock in tow of the tug *Alexander Jones*. Captain Quinlan was informed yesterday afternoon that he would be allowed to clear if he would sign an agreement not to bring an action against the government for the recovery of damages sustained from detention. He signed the agreement, got his clearance papers, settled up his affairs here, and was soon on his way to sea. He has manifested no very great impatience on account of being detained; in fact, he took the whole affair coolly, and yesterday he was too much overjoyed at the prospect of getting away to allow himself to cherish any hard feelings against Uncle Sam. The schooner has been under close watch by Spanish sympathizers or others ever since she has been in port.

A press telegram to the STAR from Washington, D. C., last night says:

Assistant Secretary Spalding to-day issued orders for the release of the schooner *Silver Heels* at Wilmington, N. C. This step was taken on a report by the United States attorney that he could obtain no evidence upon which to proceed against the vessel. The master, mate and crew all swore that the vessel left New York October 17th, and was drifting at sea for fifty days on account of storms and bad weather until she reached Wilmington. The master and mate swear the vessel had no arms or ammunition aboard, and did not deliver any.

First Mate Alfred Thompson, of the *Silver Heels*, is said to be richer by $100 than when the schooner arrived in port. And it is good Spanish money that fills his purse. When the Spanish detective interviewed him he was intoxicated, but his brain was clear enough for him not to let his information go for a song. So according to the STAR'S informant, he stuck out for a higher price until the bid was raised from $10 to $100. Then he told the detective a cock and bull story, that he denied outright when placed on oath.

A Colored Stevedore Severely Injured.

Henry Davis, a colored stevedore, had his leg broken yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock on the Norwegian barque *Poseidon* now loading with rosin at the naval stores yard of Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co. The rosin is lifted by a block and tackle arrangement and Davis was in the hold of the vessel stowing the barrels. As they were loading yesterday afternoon, the hooks slipped from a barrel, and the barrel dropped. It struck the bottom of the ship and rolled on Davis, pinning his leg against a beam of the ship.

Mr. H. K. Nash, manager for Paterson, Downing & Co., happened to be present, and telephoned for a carriage and a physician to meet him at Market street dock. Davis was carried to his home on Ninth and Wooster streets. Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy dressed the limb and found that it was broken just below the knee.

W. L. I.—Medal Awarded to Private H. G. Whitney.

A year ago Capt. Don McRae, commander of the Wilmington Light Infantry, offered a medal to the private of the Light Infantry making the best record of attendance upon all the drills during the ensuing year, and in case any number of the privates tied, the winner of the medal was to be chosen by the non-commissioned officers on the basis of soldierly bearing and general efficiency. Last night at the regular drill of the company the medal was awarded to Private H. G. Whitney. Privates J. C Angel, S. M. Boatwright, J. M. Forshee, O A. Wiggins and H. G. Whitney tied for the medal, but the non-commissioned officers decided the last named private was entitled to the prize.

The Art Exhibition at Abbie Chadbourn Memorial Hall.

The art exhibition last evening at the Abbie Chadbourn Memorial Hall, under the auspices of the Westminster League, was a success beyond measure, and reflects credit upon the managers. Fifty fine works of art, the drawings of many well known artists, were displayed, and greatly appreciated by a very large audience. The pictures were then sold to the highest bidder at auction, with Col. Walker Taylor acting as auctioneer, and the entire fifty pictures were disposed of, and on each a neat sum was realized. Refreshments, embracing delicacies of a rich and choice nature, were then offered for sale and fastly purchased.

Hypnotism at the Opera House.

The Lees gave their second entertainment of hypnotism last night at the Opera House, and laughter was dished out to the large audience at the rate of a barrel-full a second. Again last evening Dr. Lee made a brief speech about hypnotism, before the entertainment commenced. The tricks the subjects were made to do were ludicrous, and the antics ten of the gentlemen went through while imagining they were on a yacht on a rough sea made the audience howl.

To-night Mr. Harold Griffin who was placed in a hypnotic sleep at the performance Monday night and who has been asleep since, will be awakened on the stage in full view of the audience.

Magistrate's Court.

Willie Wilkinson, the negro boy who it is alleged robbed the boot and shoe repair shop of Mr. John Baker, was yesterday brought from jail to stand trial before Justice Bunting on the charge of stealing a quantity of oysters from a countryman, W. L Mitchell, colored, and was bound over to the next term of the Criminal Court.

Lot of Fancy Goods for sale at The C W. Polvogt Co. †

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COL. J. A. M'DONALD DEAD.

[*Raleigh Post, 20th.*]

Mr. C. C. McDonald received a telegram from Asheville yesterday announcing the death of his father, Col. John A. McDonald, which occurred at Fairview, near Asheville.

Col. McDonald was well known in Raleigh, having been a frequent visitor in the city. He represented Chatham county in the General Assembly several terms. Col. McDonald was a man of broad mind and intelligence and strong moral character. He was sincerely liked by all those acquainted with him.

He leaves a widow and eight children, Mrs. P. L Ellis and Mrs. J. Will Jones, of Fairview; Mrs. W. M. Sorrell, of Fairview, Mr. Walter McDonald, of Raleigh; Henry McDonald, of Brooklyn, and Will McDonald, of Rocky Mount.

New Markets for the Strawberry Crop.

Goldsboro *Argus*, Dec 20th: Messrs J A Wellbrook and W. F. English, of Mt. Olive, have just returned from an extensive trip through the North and West, where they went as delegates from the Truckers' Association to find a new market for their berry crops. They traveled from Boston to Cincinnati and stopped at all the prominent intermediate points. They made arrangements to place all the berries they could grow in Western markets. The berry business in this section has grown to such an extent that the Northern markets could not handle the output and new markets had to be found.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

Largest stock of Holiday Goods to select from at The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Palace Market,
Corner Second and Market Sts.

Offers to the public the following choice edibles for Christmas week:

Fine Beef, Mutton, Pork, large and Roast Pig size, Dressed Turkeys, Dressed Chickens, Dressed Geese, Live and Dressed Quail, Corn Pork Hens, Corn Beef, Pork Sausage Meat, Pork Links, &c., Choice Celery at reasonable rates.

You are invited to call and see before you purchase elsewhere. Respectfully,

G. E. TILLY, Manager.

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REMEMBER THIS IS HOLIDAY WEEK AND THE
French Cafe, No. 117 Princess St.,
Will be open day and night.

We are prepared to serve you with all the luxuries of the season, including Oysters in every style, Sandwiches, Hot Coffee, Quails on Toast, &c., &c.

Free Lunch every day from 11 to 1 o'clock. de 22 1t

OPERA HOUSE.
WEEK COMMENCING
Monday, December 20.
SATURDAY MATINEE.
The Lees
Great Company of HYPNOTISTS.
Change of program nightly.
Prices—50, 35, 25 and 15 cents.
de 17 8t

THIS MACHINE NUMBERS FROM 1 TO 999,999—PRICE 60C.
A 4 BAND MACHINE NUMBERS FROM 1 TO 9,999—PRICE 40C.

Start the New Year with an eye to business and economy by placing your order with us for your supply of Rubber Stamps. They are no longer a luxury but a necessity.

Wilmington Stamp Works.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Bell Phone 240. de 19 tf ¶

A CULINARY TRIUMPH

your Christmas dinner will prove if you select a bird from our stock of selected young beauties. There is no gray whiskers on any of our fat, tempting and luscious birds. Our display of fine meats this week, game and beef is worthy of your inspection, and from which you can prepare a feast worthy of Xerxes.

I. B. RHODES,
de 21 tf Front Street Market.

Stoves at Cost.

UNTIL JANUARY 10TH, 1898, WILL SELL any Cook Stove in stock at Cost for cash. JUST RECEIVED a nice line of Christmas Tinware, consisting of Cake Boxes, Turkey Roasters, etc., etc. "Banner Lamps to burn."
de 19 tf JAS. H. TAYLOR, Jr.

Wilmington Seacoast Railroad.

CHRISTMAS DAY AN EXTRA TRAIN will run, leaving the city at 9.30 o'clock a. m., and returning, leave Wrightsville Beach at 11.00 o'clock a. m. de 21 tf

D. O'Connor,

REAL ESTATE AGENT, WILMINGTON, N. C. Stores, Offices and Dwellings for rent. Houses and Lots for sale on easy terms. Rents, taxes and insurance attended to promptly. Money Loaned on improved city real estate. sep 6 tf

J. A. SPRINGER & CO

OURS IS NOT ESPECIALLY THANKSGIVING
Coal nor Christmas Coal.

Better still, it is every day COAL, seven days to the week; particularly adapted to good cold weather, such as we are likely to have from this time on.

For high grade Hard Coal, both Red Ash and White Ash, in Egg Stove, Furnace and Range sizes, well screened and promptly delivered; also, for Tennessee Lump Coal. Your orders respectfully solicited. Our Coal will not only cook turkey in great shape, but is equally as good for cooking hog and hominy.

J A Springer & Co
de 19 tf

Christmas Festivities

Are enhanced for both old and young by the firelight's cheerful warmth and glow. Imagine what a dreary yuletide celebration it would be without a good fire made from our

BANNER COAL,

that is without slag or slate, and will either roast your turkey or disseminate its cheerful warmth over your home in first-class style.

Coal for household and kitchen use is not half as expensive as wood.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.
Bell Telephones 64 and 94. Inter-State 146.
de 21 tf

FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT,
Cheap, Worthless Toys will bear no comparison to an Account in
The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company.
Possibly at this time you are trying to think of a Suitable Present to give your child. Let us advise you—do not get them a worthless toy that will soon be broken up and forgotten, but start them an ACCOUNT IN THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO.
It will encourage them to save more. We receive deposits as small as 25 cents, and as soon as it is increased to $5.00 will begin to draw interest at rate of 4 per cent. de 21 tf

HOLIDAY GOODS!
AN ELEGANT LINE OF
FANCY SOAPS and PIPES
especially for the holiday trade.
Fine Assortment of Hair Brushes.
Military Hair Brushes, Celluloid Mirrors and Combs, and other Celluloid goods—hand painted.
LATEST DESIGNS IN PUFF BOXES, CIGARS, &C.
Everything at hard time prices.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 22, 1897

"THE CRY OF THE MONEYLESS."

In speaking of the meeting of the bankers at Atlanta last week to discuss and formulate some plan to give financial relief to the South, the New York *Sun* characterized the resolutions passed as "The pitiful cry of the moneyless," thus virtually admitting that the South needs more money than she has. In one sense this characterization, though offensively intended and sneeringly written, is true; the South as a whole is practically moneyless, although the gentlemen who in their professional character as bankers uttered this "pitiful cry" could hardly be said to be moneyless. But the *Sun's* sneering allusion and the comments accompanying it, which we published and upon which we made some remarks yesterday, are in themselves some of the best reasons given for a reform of the currency system and some of the best for the agitation of the money question.

Is there any good reason for a justification of a system which gorges one section of the country with money, as the *Sun* says the money centers of the North are gorged, and leaves other sections moneyless? That never was the case before the national bank system was established, and never would be the case if each State had banks of its own with power to issue notes. The *Sun*, which once played in the role of a Democratic paper, was then friendly to the South, friendly enough to recognize her just demands, and to score the narrow sectionalism that Republican organs displayed when discussing great issues in which the South in common with the rest of the country was interested; but being now a Republican champion it shows itself as narrow-minded and mean as the most narrow-minded of the anti-South Republican organs ever did. It therefore discusses the financial question from a partisan and sectional standpoint, and hence characterizes the just demands of the Southern people, in as far as they were voiced by these Southern bankers, as "the pitiful cry of the moneyless."

The New York *Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin* is not a partisan paper, but a paper which makes a specialty of studying the money question, not from a sectional, but from a national standpoint. We do not always agree with it, but neither does it agree with the *Sun*. Its editor, Mr. William Dodsworth, was present at that meeting and was invited to address it. Let him tell, as a Northern financial editor sees it, the ground there is for this agitation in the South and the justification of the demand for currency reform and for better banking facilities, which the *Sun* sneeringly characterizes as the "pitiful cry of the moneyless."

"I understand it to be the more specific object of your convention, gentlemen, to affirm the right of incorporated banks, organized under the laws of our several States, to issue circulating notes; and I make no delay in assuring you of my hearty sympathy with that proposition. For myself, I long ago reached the conclusion that, if the bank note is the best form of paper money—and that conclusion seems to have now gained almost universal acceptance among those who intelligently comprehend this question—then the power of issue should be equitably distributed among the banks at large and not restricted to a specially privileged class.

"I need not tell you that such has not been the distribution of this privilege for the last thirty-four years. Under a great national emergency, it was deemed necessary to grant this franchise in return for a special support to the public treasury through a specific set of banks. This expedient was politically and financially abnormal; and, however serviceable it may have been under the circumstances for which it was immediately devised, wise statesmanship would have dictated its reconsideration when fiscal necessities no longer demanded the perpetuation of the monopoly. But the inequality is still in force; and this gathering may claim the distinction of being the first organized effort that has yet been made to secure its remedy.

"None too soon is the South raising its protest against this inequity. For what is the present distribution of our bank circulation? In 1895, the twelve Eastern and Middle States, with a combined population of 21,000,000, had an outstanding note issue of $120,000,000; the ten Western States, with 25,000,000 of people had $44,000,000 of circulation; the Pacific States and the territories, with their 5,000,000 of population, had $8,000,000 outstanding; and the eleven Southern States, with 20,000,000 of people who need a large amount of the retail form of circulation, had but $18,000,000. The eastern and middle sections had $5 70 of note issues per head of population; the west had $1 76 per head; the Pacific States and the territories had $1 60 and the South 90 cents."

These are the utterances not of a Southern man, or a Southern banker, or of a political Southern sympathizer, or of a man catering to Southern sentiment or playing for applause, but of a man who although hailing from the greatest money center on the continent looks beyond that and takes an honest, national view of this great question. Are there not reasons enough in this brief extract for the complaints and demands of these Southern bankers? Continuing, he said:

"It is eminently fitting that the South and the West should make their voices heard on this question; for to those sections an elastic regulation of the money supply is of far more vital consequence than it is to the other groups of States. We of the North and East feel much more concerned about the quality of our national money than about its supply. A real scarcity of money now rarely troubles us. Why should it when you have so patiently permitted us to control its issues. We are not so superlatively unselfish as to reject the powers you have so generously helped to place within our reach. Like most mortals, we are ready to accept and utilize to our advantage all the good things granted us, and are quite indisposed to scrutinize the mouth of a gift horse. But, at the same time, I think it may be justly claimed that, when other sections make a demand in their special interest, which is just in itself and conducive to the welfare of the whole country, the North and the East will, perhaps, after some conflict of prejudices, be found ultimately ready to support such claims. We are so situated that we can well afford to yield justice in this matter ungrudgingly. The bulk of our transactions are effected through the use of the bank check and without the intervention of money. On the contrary, in the agricultural States, business is relatively more largely retail than with us, and for that reason it has to be proportionately more transacted through cash settlements.

"The State banking interest is growing so rapidly and has already attained such a magnitude that Congress can no longer afford to withhold from that class of institutions valuable rights which are freely offered to every national bank. Within the last twenty years the growth of the State banks has been in an immeasurably larger ratio than that of the national system. Since 1873 the increase in the deposits of the nationals has been 118 per cent., and of the State banks 484 per cent.; in loans, the expansion in the major system has been 168 per cent. and in the minor 538 per cent. Within the same period the State institutions have increased their capital by $307,000,000 and the national by $173,000,000. This is the plainest possible evidence that among the shrewd and discriminating class who employ their capital in banking the State charters are now deemed more conducive to success than the national."

Here he shows why the South needs more banks, banks that can issue notes; needs them more than the great commercial centers do, for in the agricultural sections business is largely and mainly done with notes or other form of currency, while in the commercial centers it is largely if not mainly done with checks and drafts, and very little money changes hands until the settlements are made. There men deal on their credit, having capital, of course, behind that credit and their checks go in and out of the banks as so much money, while in the agriculture sections where business is done in a "retail way," as expressed by Mr. Dodsworth, the check system is not practicable and money must be used. To successfully conduct this "retail" business, especially in certain seasons when the crops are being put upon the market, a large volume of money is necessary, many millions more than at other seasons; hence the necessity of a currency system that can supply an elastic volume to adapt itself to the greater or smaller demands upon it. The banking system that cannot, or does not do that is no banking system at all in the proper sense.

There is much talk and much boasting by the organs and spokesmen of the money organizations of the money centers of the abundance of money, and they claim a *per capita* circulation of something over $24. We all know that there are very few greenbacks or Treasury notes in circulation, for these are held for the purpose of drawing gold from the Treasury when there is a promise of profit in that, and we all know that there is very little gold in circulation. This leaves the *bona fide* circulation confined to bank notes and silver certificates. while the disparity in the bank note circulation for the respective sections is shown by the figures which Mr. Dodsworth presents when he tells us that the Eastern and Middle sections have $5 70 of note issues per head of population, the West $1.76 per head, the Pacific States $1.60, while the South lags far in the rear with a pitiful 90 cents. (Perhaps this is where the *Sun's* characterizing epithet "pitiful" comes in.) Isn't it time for the South to raise her voice against this unjust, oppressive and ruinous discrimination, and not only to raise her voice but to make the welkin ring with her righteous protest? All she asks is that the shackles be removed and she be allowed to solve this problem for herself.

MINOR MENTION.

The representatives of the cotton mill operatives at Fall River, Mass., who met in conference with the mill operators to discuss the wage question, seem to be pretty level headed fellows and to understand the situation pretty well. They struck a solid chunk of truth when they remarked that they didn't see how a reduction of wages would remedy an overstocked market. The manufacturers attribute the low prices to an overstocked market and yet they propose to reduce wages eleven per cent. and continue turning out goods to keep the market overstocked. If that were the real reason they would reduce the number of working days as suggested by the committee who represented the operatives, and pay them at the old rate for the time which they worked. If it be the desire of the mill men to reduce stock on hand they could do it that way and have the willing co-operation of their employes. An opinion prevails, and it is not without ground, that the object in this proposed reduction of wages was to force a strike, the mill men believing that their employes would not submit to it. If they refuse to entertain the reasonable propositions of the employes it will show that this opinion was well founded. Some New Hampshire mills have followed the example of the Fall River Mills, the Fall River Iron Works is moving in the same direction, and also the cotton mills of Pawtucket, R. I. This is the beginning. We will hear more of it before the Springtime comes gentle Annie. The McKinley wave of prosperity does not seem to have sung around in that quarter.

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The action taken by the officers of the fourth army corps of the Cuban army, operating in the Las Vilas department, in denouncing autonomy and declaring their unalterable purpose to fight on until independence be achieved, doubtless expresses the sentiment not only of the officers but of the rank and file of the Cuban army, which is as confident of success to day as it ever was if not more so. These heroic fighters know their own strength and their own weakness, and they know also the strength and the weakness of the power against which they have taken up arms. They know more than this, for they know that even if Spain were sincere in the autonomy policy of the Government, Spain is far from being united on it, and that the action of the present ministry would not be considered morally binding upon its successors. They know that Spanish pride, which takes the place of sense, revolts at the idea of conceding this much, that the Cubans are now regarded with an intense hatred by the Spaniards, who assume to be their masters, and if they accepted autonomy they would after Spain got the reins in her grip again be looked upon as rebels entitled to no consideration and would always be so treated. In the field with arms in their hands they command the respect of their foes; surrendered, disarmed, powerless to resist, they would be regarded as conquered rebels and would be subjected to continued reproach and humiliation, if not to oppression that would be worse than death on the field of honor and patriotism. If they be wise they will fight it out on the independence line if it takes years longer.

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The STAR is in receipt of a pamphlet containing the proceedings and addresses delivered at the Guilford Battle Ground celebration on the third of July last. The several addresses are interesting but the principal one by the President of the Asssociation, Maj Joseph M. Morehead, is more than interesting; it is an admirable historical document, filled with quotations from colonial history, telling the story of the Regulators' movement, of the men who were the leading spirits in it, the British oppression that resulted in this determined protest and antagonism of the yeomanry of the middle counties of the State, and how this crystalized into the patriotic revolt and co-operation with other colonies which culminated in the revolution and independence of the colonies. One of the merits of this address is that it embraces so much in such small space, and puts it in such form that it may reach the masses who have not the opportunity for much study and reading, and thus teach them what their patriotic, sturdy fathers did in resisting oppression, and how they demeaned themselves as the defenders of their rights and as freemen in the days when it took nerve and manhood to defy the sovereignty of Great Britain. In presenting this address, which required much reading and research, Major Morehead has rendered an invaluable service to the descendants of the men who struck for the right before the revolution, and to the State to which they belonged.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— That apostate Democratic newspaper, the New York *Sun*, which has become Republican for revenue only, terms the resolutions of the late bankers' convention held in Atlanta, as "the bitter cry of the moneyless." That is the very reason the south wants currency reform. *Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

—— Secretary Gage is to be commended for his frankness in submitting his currency bill to the committee on Banking and currency. Unlike his chief the secretary commits himself squarely and unequivocally to the gold Standard, and annomnces that the first purpose of his bill is to commit the United States to the gold standard absolutely.—*Louisville Dispatch, Dem.*

—— Notwithstanding the ruling of the treasury department to the effect that calf skins are not dutiable as hides, the announcement comes from New England that shoes will not be cheaper. There are other expenses, it is said, which will eat up the difference between the cost of free calfskin and dutiable calfskin. The consumer, it may be remarked, always gets the short end of the rope.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— Exactly what Prince Henry meant by his parting toast to Emperor William to the effect that his mission to China was to "preach the gospel of Your Majesty's consecrated person" is not quite clear but apparently it was a delicate notice to the Mongolian monarch that his claim to the title of "Son of Heaven" was to be contested.—*New York Commercial Advertiser, Rep.*

The Coming Woman

Who goes to the club while her husband feeds the baby, as well as the good old-fashioned who looks after her home, will both at times get run down in health. They will be troubled with loss of appetite, headaches, sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thousands of sufferers from Lame Back and Weak Kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for women. Female complaints and Nervous troubles of all kinds are soon relieved by the use of Electric Bitters. Delicate women should keep this remedy on hand to build up the system. Only 50c per bottle. For sale at R. R. BELLAMY. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Hickory *Times*: Old uncle Jim Coulter, a colored man of this city, who it is claimed is over 100 years old, died Monday night.

— Henderson *Gold Leaf*: The death of Mr Stephen A. Burroghs, which occurred Friday night, removes a good man and excellent citizen. He had been in poor health for some time and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Burroughs had but recently passed his 67th year.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: A lamentable suicide is reported from Wilson. An insurance man named Smith, from Richmond, had been stopping in Wilson for a week and drinking freely the whole time. Saturday evening he became despondent and went and purchased a pistol with which he shot himself late Saturday night.

— Louisburg *Times*: Mr. Joe Strickland, who by the way, is one of our best farmers, gives us the following history of one stalk of cotton: In 1895 he noticed quite a fine stalk of cotton in his field which contained 68 bolls. It was pulled up and hung in the barn. His wife afterwards picked the seed out with her fingers. In 1896 he planted these seed from the one stalk and that year raised 78 pounds of seed cotton. In 1897 he planted the seed from the 78 pounds and made this year 5,337 pounds seed cotton. It is a very superior variety of cotton.

— Raleigh *Post*: A letter received from Baltimore says that Dr. Robertson, of Guilford College, now in a hospital there, has developed symptoms of hydrophobia, the effects of being bitten by a mad cat recently. —— Stockton and Frazier, two of the men bitten by a mad dog here, left Saturday night for New York to take the Pasteur treatment. —— Jim Booker, alias Jim Chavis, who murdered Mahaia White, near Method, in August, 1890, is now the occupant of a berth in Wake county jail. Booker appeared rather worn out. He had been confined a week at Baltimore, and he said that he was too tired to talk. He did say, however, that he was betrayed by the negro with whom he slept in order that he might get the $100 reward.

TWINKLINGS.

— Dennis—"Say, Pat, do yez belave in woman's rights?"

Pat—"Faith I take no shtock in the rights av thim, but me ould woman shwings a nashty left."—*Cleveland Leader*

— Mr. Figg—"'Happy is the country that has no history'—do you understand that Tommy?"

Tommy—"I guess it means the kids are happy, 'cause they don't have to study it."—*Indianapolis Journal*

— "So you are going away, Mrs. Rusher?"

"Yes; we are going to move to Kentucky for a few weeks until my husband gets to be called 'Colonel,' and then we shall go to Washington to live."

— "Now," said Mr. Gragan, as he read the headlines, "now could there be a 'double murder?' Oh, I see," he continued after reading a little. "Sure I thought it meant the man was kilt twice."—*Indianapolis Journal*

— No Alternative—"Don't leave the table," said the landlady as her new boarder rose from his scanty breakfast.

"I must, madam. It's hard wood and my teeth are not what they used to be."—*Detroit Free Pres*

— Matilda—Have you spoken to papa?

Bertie—Yes; I asked him through the telephone, and he answered: I don't know who you are, but is it all right.—*Judge*

— The speaker had done with telling of the wrongs of woman, and had sunk back into her seat. "She makes a mountain out of a mole hill," whispered the personly person in the front pew. "Yes, and such a botch too!" rejoined the other."—*Detroit Journal.*

"I'm out of sorts this morning," said the conductor, after he had finished collecting the tickets. "I've got a bad fit of the blues."

"So I see,' replied the brakeman as he sized up the conductor's new uniform. "Why don't you patronize some other tailor?"—*Puck*

The statements of those who have been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla prove the great merit of this medicine. Get only Hood's. †

A Maine Farmer's Bottle.

An old man—72, he said—was the center of interest on a Maine Central train recently. He had with him a complicated bottle puzzle, first invented 25 years ago, and from that day to this $25 has awaited the man who could make one like it. The inventor is Mr. Almon Sawyer, a substantial citizen of the good old farming town of Madison, Me. The bottle might perhaps hold a little less than a quart of water. The bulk of the space below the neck is occupied by a nicely constructed reel pinned together. The reel is no flimsy affair that might have been passed through the neck of the bottle and then given its present appearance; but, as a man said, "must have been built and pinned together down there."

The neck of the bottle was compactly filled by a piece of wood extending down almost to the reel. It was a single piece of wood, as Mr. Sawyer took occasion to show, and yet below the neck there was a crosspiece through this centerpiece. This crosspiece extended almost to the glass on each side and was secured by a stout pin passing through the center and again on the side. This side pin passed through one of the arms, and in turn was secured by a second pin. The crosspiece and pins puzzled all who looked at them.—Portland (Me.) Press.

Surprised Marion.

Marion is a little girl 8 years old. She was going up stairs the other day when a lady came to the door to pay her mother a visit who had in her hands a great bouquet of roses. The child was delighted to be given these and told to take them to mamma. She scampered on up stairs with the flowers, while the maid ushered the caller into the drawing room. This house has several small children in it, and their mother is obliged to forbid their using some rooms freely. When Marion started down the staircase again, she saw that the doors were opened into that sacred apartment. She stood still and stared. There sat the visitor in plain sight. "Mamma," she shrieked to the hostess in her own room, "the lady has got into the parlor!"—New York Times.

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IN DEATH'S EMBRACE.

It was a cold December night when a messenger came from Mr. Sloane requesting my immediate presence.

I soon reached Sloane's dwelling and was shown at once into Sloane's bedchamber.

"Well," said he when I had finished my question, "what are you going to prescribe for me?"

"Nothing," I replied.

"What! Do you think there is nothing the matter with me, then?"

"On the contrary, I think that you are quite ill, but there is no medicine that will do you any good. You are merely suffering from overexertion of the brain."

"By George," exclaimed Sloane, "you have exactly hit it! I know my brain is overworked. The fact is, doctor, I have invented the most extraordinary"—

"My dear sir," I interrupted, "I must not permit you to talk about any such matter now. Try to sleep, and I shall call and see you tomorrow."

At the end of the week Mr. Sloane was fully restored to health; but one night, about six weeks after I had made his acquaintance, he hurriedly sent for me again. When I visited him, he said:

"The reason I sent for you tonight, doctor, is that tomorrow I expect my nephew here on a visit and I don't want him to know anything about this grand discovery of mine. As he will remain with me an indefinite length of time I do not know when I might have another opportunity of showing you my complicated apparatus."

We continued to ascend flight after flight of stairs until we reached the top of the house. Mr. Sloane ushered me into an immense garret—in fact, it occupied the entire space of the upper story of the house.

When my host turned his lamp to the middle of the apartment, its rays fell on an immense cylinder which bore more resemblance to a gasometer than anything else. But this was not all. The ceiling was covered with wheels and complex machinery.

I walked up to it and struck it with my knuckles. It gave out a clear, metallic sound.

Taking a key from his pocket, he raised one of the iron plates and revealed a keyhole. He inserted the key and a small door flew open—so small, indeed, that we had to stoop quite low on entering. Mr. Sloane entered first and I followed.

I found myself in a circular apartment, which was equal in size to a room 14 or 15 feet square.

I walked over the iron floor and sat down on a chair. Mr. Sloane no sooner saw me fixed there than, with a sudden movement, he darted through the door again and closed it with a sudden bang after him.

"Come, Mr. Sloane," I exclaimed in an angry tone, "this is too much of a joke! Let me out instantly."

The only reply I received was a wild laugh—a laugh that froze my blood—for my professional experience enabled me to detect that it was the laugh of a maniac.

"Doctor," he exclaimed after a pause of a few minutes, "I wish you a very good evening. You will have to pass the night in your present abode."

When I had finished examining my prison, I determined to pass the night as comfortably as possible, and, sitting down, reclined my head on the table and closed my eyes.

I fell asleep. How long I slept I know not, but I was awakened by a peculiar sound. At first I thought it was some one grinding a knife on a grindstone, for it was a purring, rasping sound. But I soon found that it was too loud for that, for it caused a slight vibratory motion in my prison.

I jumped up from my seat and rubbed my eyes.

I felt myself grow pale as death and my heart almost stood still. The dungeon was certainly smaller—palpably, unmistakably smaller. I again cast my eyes up to the ceiling and counted only nine plates or divisions. The roof was certainly lower. The walls were certainly closing in all around me. The ceiling was now so low that I could touch it with my hand.

While gazing on the top of the dungeon an inscription traced on the ceiling for the first time caught my eyes.

"This machine was invented by Edward Sloane, Esq., for the purpose of superseding death by hanging. The walls are so constructed that they revolve on themselves, every revolution reducing the size of the apartment several feet. After a certain time the walls meet, crushing any object within the apartment perfectly flat. In ten hours from the time the machinery is first started the work is completed."

I understood it all now. The madman had chosen me to make his first experiment with.

I gave one unearthly scream and believed my last moment had come, when suddenly the room assumed the same size as when I had first entered it, and I rose up and shook myself as I heard a voice outside exclaim:

"Any one in there?"

In a few hurried words I explained all that had passed.

I was then informed that my preserver was Mr. Sloane's nephew, who had arrived at his uncle's house an hour before. He had heard the machinery at work, and curiosity had impelled him to explore the upper portion of the house. The moment he entered the garret my piercing scream reached his ears. He saw the machinery in motion, and he took his pocketknife and cut a wide leather strap by which the machinery was turned. This was no sooner secured than the circular dungeon assumed its natural form with such a sudden spring as almost to knock him down.

After the explanation he ran to his uncle and procured the key.

When I was released, I consented not to prosecute Sloane on condition that the infernal machine should be at once destroyed, and that the inventor would leave the village forever.

The monomaniac agreed to these conditions.—Cincinnati Post.

Dresden English.

A correspondent sends a specimen of what is intended to be English. It is the circular of a tradesman of Dresden, Germany, which he is sending to the English speaking visitors in the city and is as follows: "Dear Sir—The house is my world. Mindfuly of those words I have it made to my problem to conduct in the trade to the adorning of this home charming newnesses in walldecorations in beautifully and elegant plushframe with silk-lace to be suspended. These are choosed to bring forth agreeable and effectfuly alternations in the decoration and adorning of the rooms, and to restore all the other kinds of pictures. I am quite convince that those my newnesses will find a good reception, because they are without any concurrence in the foreign country. Samples are to be required to any price and to any time. I am expecting with pleasure yours estimable orders and remain yours very truly."—New York Tribune.

Bachelor's Housekeeping.

Do men or women best understand comfort? The answer would naturally seem to be women. Yet who shall deny that a bachelor's establishment is often the better conducted and most luxurious possible? Everything seems to run on well oiled wheels, there is no friction, no anxious looking mistress of the house with her keys and her worries, and no talk about servants; the butler is respectful and attentive, the cook excellent, the coachman smart and punctual, and the wine irreproachable.

It is sad to confess, but even as hosts men seem to surpass women. They take a larger and more unselfish view of matters; they are possibly more extravagant, but they also get more value for their money; they adore comfort, but care less for show; they manage to acquire good servants and keep them, and, while they allow them greater license, to insure obedience and respect.

Even the small bachelor's establishment, wherein the cook-housekeeper reigns supreme, is frequently the scene of pleasant little parties, of snug dinners, of cozy suppers. Now, if housekeeping be the true vocation of women, as people say, how is it that men outdo us? The question is one best left to the future candidates for matrimony.—Exchange.

That Makes a Difference.

Spatts—Men don't like to be called confirmed office seekers.

Bloobumper—Unless the senate does the confirming.—Detroit Free Press.

What is fanaticism today is the fashionable creed tomorrow, and trite as the multiplication table a week after.—Wendell Phillips

FREQUENT OCCURENCES

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Sorrow, either of a personal or indirect nature, earnestness and gravity are all shown by those lips, which, though not sharply drawn down, naturally curve downward when in repose.—New York Ledger.

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BAGGING—		
2 ℔ Jute		@ 6¾
Standard		@ 7⅜
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@ 14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@ 7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@ 7⅛
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ℔ ℔	5	@ 5¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@ 5⅛
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 00	@ 1 10
New New York, each		@ 1 20
New City, each		@ 1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@ 22
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ℔ M	6 00	@ 7 00
Northern	9 00	@ 14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@ 18
Northern	18	@ 28
CORN MEAL—		
Per Bushel, in sacks	44	@ 45
Virginia Meal	41	@ 45
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@ 85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—		
Sperm	18	@ 25
Adamantine	8	@ 10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—		
Northern Factory	10	@ 11
Dairy, Cream		@ 11
State	10½	@ 12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—		
Laguyra	20	@
Rio	8	@ 10
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@ 5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@ 20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@ 17
FISH—		
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@ 30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@ 15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@ 18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@ 9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@ 14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@ 3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@ 6 50
N C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@ 3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@ 10
" Extra	3 35	@ 3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—		
Low grade		@ 3 75
Choice		@ 4 75
Straight		@ 5 00
First Patent	5 25	@ 6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔—	7½	@ 8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—		
Corn, from store, bags—White,		@ 45
Car load, in bags—White,		@ 44
Oats, from store	3½	@ 35
Oats, Rust Proof		@ 40
Cow Peas		@ 55
HIDES, ℔ ℔—		
Green		@ 6
Dry		@ 8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—		
Clover Hay	80	@ 85
Rice Straw		@ 50
Eastern		@ 90
Western		@ 85
North River		@ 75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1⅞	@ 2
LARD, ℔ ℔—		
Northern	5½	@ 6
North Carolina	6	@ 10
LIME ℔ barrel	1 15	@ 1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℔ M feet—		
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@ 20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@ 16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@ 18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@ 22 00
Scantling and Board common	14 00	@ 15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—		
Barbadoes, in hhds		@ 26
" " " in bbls		@ 28
Porto Rico, in hhds		@ 26
" " in bbls		@ 28
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@ 14
" " in bbls	14	@ 15
Syrup, in bbls	12	@ 15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut 60d basis		@ 1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—		
City Mess	9 25	@ 9 50
Rump		@ 9 25
Prime		@ 9 25
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@ 22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@ 1 10
Liverpool		@ 60
Lisbon		@
American	40	@ 60
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@ 40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@ 6 50
Common	1 60	@ 2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@ 3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@ 5¼
Standard A		@ 5⅛
White Ex. C		@ 4⅞
Extra C, Golden		@ 4⅝
C. Yellow		@ 3⅞
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3¼	@ 4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@ 14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@ 10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@ 9 00
Mill, Prime		@ 7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@ 4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@ 3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@ 3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed		
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@ 8 50
" Sap	5 00	@ 6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@ 5 00
" Sap	4 00	@ 4 50
6x20 Heart	6 00	@ 6 50
" Sap	5 00	@ 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@ 6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern,	1 00	@ 2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@ 2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@ 15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 21.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 30¾ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 30¼ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1 15 per bbl for Strained and $1 20 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market steady; $1 40 per barrel for Hard, 1 90 for Yellow Dip and 1 90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm, $1 45, 1 50; tar steady, $1 05; crude turpentine quiet and steady, $1 40, 1 90, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	74
Rosin	419
Tar	395
Crude Turpentine	61

Receipts same day last year—183 casks spirits turpentine, 80 bbls rosin, 482 bbls tar, 26 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅜c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	2 15-16	cts	℔ ℔
Good Ordinary	4¼	"	"
Low Middling	4 15-16	"	"
Middling	5⅜	"	"
Good Middling	5⅝	"	"

Same day last year, middling 6⅛c.

Receipts—1,568 bales; same day last year 1,097.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1 05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1 60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6 50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—Evening.—Money on call firm at 1@4 per cent., last loan at 1, and closed offered at 1 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484⅝@484¾ for demand; 481¾@482 for sixty days. Posted rates 483½ and 486½. Commercial bills 481@481½. Silver certificates 56¾@57¾. Bar silver 56⅝. Mexican dollars 45⅝. Government bonds were weak; new fours, registered, 128¾; new fours, coupon, 128⅝; fours, registered, 112¾; fours, coupon 114¾; twos, registered, 99½; fives, registered 114½; fives, coupon, 114½. State bonds dull; North Carolina sixes 125, North Carolina fours 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec 21.—Rosin steady, Spirits turpentine firm.

CHARLESTON, Dec 21.—Spirits turpentine firm; 30c bid and 30c asked. no sales. Rosin firm and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, Dec 21.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30¾c bid; sales 121 casks; receipts 1,337 casks. Rosin firm; sales 1,462 barrels; receipts 7,038 barrels: A, B, C, D $1 20, E, F $1 25, G $1 30, H $1 45, I $1 60, K $1 75, M $1 95, N $2 30, W G $2 65, W W $2 85.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 21.—The opening of the cotton market to day was quiet but firm, with prices on the call one point lower to one point higher, followed by a further rise of 1 to 3 points in the face of somewhat disappointing cable accounts and notwithstanding further unfavorable advices from New England, heavy port receipts and estimates of 380,000 bales for the week at the ports; and notwithstanding unsatisfactory accounts from the dry goods district. The average of the market showed considerable stability, independently of a desire to cover short contracts in anticipation of the approaching holidays. The market closed quiet and steady, net unchanged to one point advanced.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Evening.—Cotton steady; middling 5⅞c.

Cotton futures opened dull but firm and closed quiet and steady, with sales of 97,900 bales; January 5 73, February 5 76, March 5 80, April 5 85, May 5 90, June 5 94, July 5 99, August 6 03, September 6 05, October 6 05, December 5 72.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 5⅞c; middling gulf 6⅛c; sales 600 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 2,385 bales; gross 7,241 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent —— bales; forwarded 2,283 bales; sales 600 bales; sales to spinners — bales; stock (actual) 106,516 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 90,508 bales; exports to Great Britain 15,526 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 12,377 bales; stock 1,147,339 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 514,786 bales; exports to Great Britain 74,978 bales; to France 4,125 bales; to the Continent 62,918 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4,056,087 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,631,301 bales; exports to France 446,573 bales; exports to the Continent 1,318,554 bales.

Dec. 21.—Galveston, firm at 5 7-16c, net receipts 6,747 bales; Norfolk, steady at 5¾, net receipts 7,416 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 5⅝, net receipts — bales; Boston, steady at 5⅞, net receipts 2,020 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5⅜, net receipts 1,568 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 6⅛, net receipts 294 bales; Savannah, steady at 5⅛, net receipts 13,266 bales; New Orleans, steady at 5 5-16, net receipts 39,060 bales; Mobile, steady at 5 3-16, net receipts 6,875 bales; Memphis, steady at 5¼, net receipts 2,402 bales; Augusta, steady at 5¼, net receipts 1,831 bales; Charleston, quiet at 5 3-16, net receipts 5,061 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—Evening.—Flour was more active on spring patents and winter grades, but eased off near the close. Wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red 99⅛c f. o. b. afloat; options opened easy under disappointing cables, rallied very sharply on Northwestern receipts and renewed bullish feeling, but finally collapsed under heavy unloading and closed ⅞@1⅜c net lower; No. 2 red January closed 98⅜c; May closed 94c; December closed 1 00¼. Corn—spot weak; No 2 34⅝c f.o.b. afloat; options opened steady on cables, but weakened later with wheat and closed ⅛@⅜c net lower; May closed 34⅝c; December closed 33⅝c. Oats—spot dull; No. 2 27⅛c; options dull and barely steady, closing ⅛c net lower; February closed 27⅝c; December closed 27⅛c; May closed 27⅝c. Lard was easier; Western steam closed at $4 80, nominal; city $4 40@4 45; December $4 75, nominal; refined lard was quiet; Continent $5 00. Pork quiet. Butter steady; Western creamery 15@22 do. factory 12@17c; Elgins 22c; imitation creamery 13½@18c; State dairy 13@20c; do. creamery 15@21c. Cheese steady; large white September 8⅛c; small white September 9@9¼c; light skims 6@6⅛c; part skims 4½@5c; full skims 3@4c. Petroleum quiet; United, no market. Rice steady. Cotton seed oil steady; prime crude 18¼@18⅜c; prime yellow 23c. Coffee—spot Rio steady; mild quiet. Sugar—raw strong; refined firm.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Scalpers had another hard time of it in the wheat pit to-day. The clique bought on the slumps and sold on the bulges and kept the market in such a state of nervousness that the little fellows were badly frost-bitten. May closed at ⅞c decline after selling ⅝c above yesterday's figures. Other markets followed the general course of wheat, corn declining ⅜@½c, oats ⅛@¼c and provisions 10@17½c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Cash quotations: Flour steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 88¼@89⅛c; No. 3 spring 82@94c; No. 2 red 1 00. Corn—No. 2, 26⅜c. Oats—No. 2, 23⅛c; No. 2 white f. o. b. 24½c; No. 3 white f. o. b. 23@24⅛c. Rye—No 2, 46⅛c. Mess pork, per barrel $7 60@7 65. Lard, per 100 lbs $4 52½@4 55. Short rib sides, loose, $4 45@4 72½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4 62½@4 75. Short clear sides, boxed, $4 77½@5 90. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19.

The leading futures ranged as follows, opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—December 100½, 101, 99¼, 100; January 94⅝, 95¼, 94¼, 94¼; May 93⅛@93⅝, 94⅛, 93⅛, 93⅛c. Corn—December 26⅛, 26¾, 26⅜, 26⅜; January 27⅛, 27⅛, 26¾, 26⅝c; May 29⅛@29⅝, 29⅞, 29⅜, 29⅜@29⅛c. Oats—December 21⅜, 21⅜, 21⅜, 21⅜c; May 22¾, 22⅞, 22⅛@22⅝, 22⅝c. Mess pork, per bbl—December $7 60 January $8 70, 8 75, 8 60, 8 62½; May $8 95, 8 97½, 8 87½, 8 87½. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $4 40, January $4 62½, 4 62½, 4 52½, 4 52½; May $4 77½, 4 77, 4 70, 4 72½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—December $4 40, January $4 45, 4 47½, 4 40, 4 40. May $4 60, 4 62½, 4 55, 4 55.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.—Flour inactive and unchanged. Wheat dull and easy; spot and month 98⅛@98¼c; January 98⅜@98⅜c; steamer No 2 red 93⅜@96c. Southern wheat by sample 93@99c; do on grade 93¾@98⅜c. Corn dull; spot 34@34⅛c; month 33¾@34c; December, new or old, 33¾@34c; January 33⅛@33⅛c; February 33⅛@33⅜c; steamer mixed 32@32⅛c. Southern white and yellow corn 29⅛@34⅛c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white Western 29@30c; No. 2 mixed 27@27⅛c.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—4 P. M.—Cotton—Spot in fair demand and prices higher. American middling fair 3 19-32d; good middling 3 11-32d; middling 3 7 32d; low middling 3 1 32d; good ordinary 2 29 32d; ordinary 2¾d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 9,100 American. Receipts 34,000 bales, of which 33,600 were American. Futures opened quiet with a moderate demand and closed steady. American middling (l m c): December 3 10 64d seller; December and January 3 10 64d seller; January and February 3 10 64d seller; February and March 3 10-64@3 11-64d seller; March and April 3 11 64d seller; April and May 3 12-64d value; May and June 3 13-64d buyer; June and July 3 14 64@3 15-64d seller; July and August 3 15 64@3 16 64d buyer; August and September 3 16-64@3 17 64d buyer; September and October 3 17 64@3 18 64d value; October and November 3 18 64@3 19-64d value.

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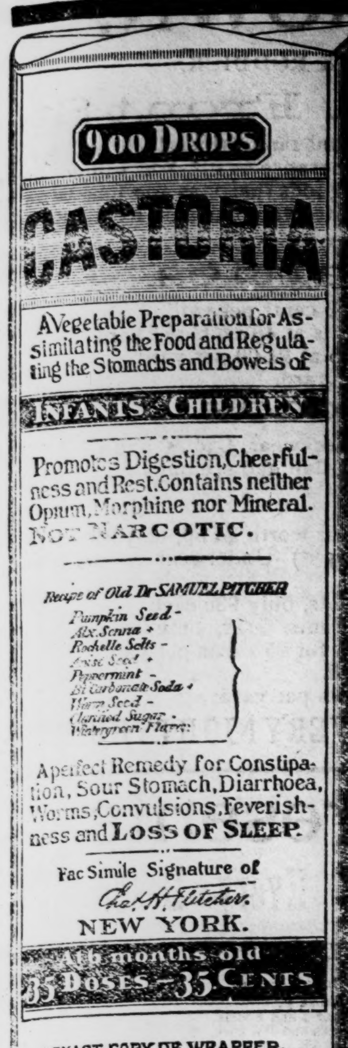

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MALAGA IN JULY.

The Old Spanish City Has Little to Offer the Sightseer.

It was July, and we had arrived at Malaga from Marseilles by water. The town lay white and shining under a barren amphitheater of mountains. Between it and the Vinuesa was a great stretch of hot, hazy, shimmering, sunlit water, over which little boats, each with white awning up, pulled out to meet us. We had read in Mr. Hare's "Wanderings in Spain" of the extortion and shocking manners of Malaga's boatman. The same story was in Murray, with an added warning to keep our temper. But we had no trouble.

Once we had landed and on the open quay J. had unstrapped and unlocked all our bags for a customs officer (who was too lazy to look into them, and at the Hotel Victoria the landlord had given us a large, clean, airy, brick floored bedroom, for which he asked less than the guidebook told us to beat him down to, we were free, without further delay or bother, to make our plans and be off on the road at any moment we chose.

But first of all we went out to have a look at Malaga. Who was it said that sightseeing is the art of disappointment? Surely we had not come all this way to the town of Hamet el Zegri to walk through brand new, wide streets, lined with big modern shops and clubs and cafes. The huge interior of the cathedral was unimpressive. The broken walls of the old Moorish fortress stood on the top of far too high a hill to be climbed in the staring sunshine of a July day. And even Murray could direct us to nothing else but a plain, bare church (where the banner of St. Ferdinand is said to hang), which we found fast shut, and an old Moorish arch, now neatly restored, and a river, dried up by the blazing sun of a tropical summer, with a railway track running down the middle of its bed, between groups of wooden shanties. We met women in black lace mantillas, or else in long, pointed shawls, a gay flower stuck in their hair, and men with clean shaven faces, in low, broad brimmed hats and wide red belts. We saw plenty of donkeys in bright, gaudy trappings, but this was all the costume. We ought to have known better than to expect more. Still, somehow, its absence added to the grayness of our first impression.—Elizabeth Robins Pennell in Century.

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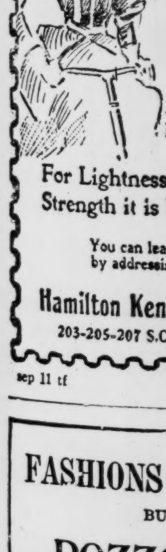

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Clear weather or cloudy, 'twas all as one,
The happy hills seemed bathed with the sun;
The secret the sailors could not understand,
But they called the country Sunshine Land.

What was the secret? A simple thing—
It will make you smile when once you know—
Touched by the tender finger of spring,
A million blossoms were all aglow;
So many, so many, so small and bright,
They covered the hills with a mantle of light,
And the wild bee hummed and the glad breeze fanned
Through the honeyed fields of Sunshine Land.

If over the sea we two were bound,
What port, dear child, would we choose for ours?
We would sail and sail till at last we found
This fairy gold of a million flowers,
Yet, darling, we'd find, if at home we staid,
Of many small joys our pleasures are made;
More near than we think—very close at hand
Lie the golden fields of Sunshine Land.
—Edith Thomas.

LOVE AND DEBT.

Mr. Rhodes was the high sheriff of —— county, Mass., and his good name, inherited from the father and cherished by the son, made him not only popular as an officer, but rather wealthy as a man. Why Mr. Rhodes had never got married the ladies could not ascertain, though they talked the matter over and over very often, but almost all said there must have been some cause in his youth—Mr. Rhodes was 45 at least—which was known only to himself and perhaps one other.

"Some disappointment," said Miss Anna, a young lady who thought it wrong that gentlemen should be disappointed—"some fatal disappointment."

"Not at all," said her maiden aunt, "not at all. Nobody ever thought that Mr. Rhodes had courage enough to offer himself to a lady. He is so modest that I should like to see him make a proposal."

"No doubt of it, aunt; no doubt of it. And to hear him, too," said Anna.

"Your father and I," said Anna's mother, "once thought that Mr. Rhodes would certainly marry Miss Susan Morgan, who then lived in the neighborhood."

"Was he accepted by Miss Morgan?" asked Anna.

"I don't believe she ever had an offer," said Aunt Arabella.

"Perhaps not," said Mrs. Wilton, "but she certainly deserved one from Mr. Rhodes, and I have frequently thought that during services in church he was about to make proposals before the congregation, as he kept his eyes continually on her."

"Do you think," asked Anna, "that Miss Morgan was as fond of him as he appeared to be of her?"

"She certainly did not take the same means of showing her feelings," said Mrs. Wilton, "for she never looked at him in church and seemed to blush when, by any means, she discovered that others had noticed his gazing upon her."

"I should think," said Anna partly aside, "that a man like Mr. Rhodes would not lack confidence to address a lady, especially if she was conscious of her own feelings and of his infirmity."

Mrs. W. smiled, and Aunt Arabella was about to say that no lady should ever evince her feelings under such circumstances, when Mrs. Wilton remarked that once when she had joked Miss Morgan upon her conquest she rather pettishly replied "that she may have subdued him, but he had never acknowledged her power."

"Conquest and possession did not go together, then," said Anna.

"Well, is this attachment the cause of Mr. Rhodes' single condition? Was there no one else at whom he could look in church who would be likely to look at him also?" said Anna, nodding toward her aunt.

"No," said Aunt A., with a hearty smile, "none in the pew to which you allude. I at least was too strongly impressed with the force of the tenth commandment, 'Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's ox, nor his ass,' ever to be looking over Miss Morgan at Mr. Rhodes."

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One morning Mr. Rhodes was sitting in his office when one of the deputies read off a list of executions and attachments, which he had in hand to serve, and among them was one against a lady at a short distance. The amount was not great, but enough to bring distress upon a family.

"Let me take that," said the sheriff, with some feeling. "It is out of your walk, and I will drive to the residence of the person tomorrow morning."

The modest vehicle of the officer stopped at the door of a neat dwelling house in a retired, delightful situation, where all things told of taste and economy. The sheriff opened the gate, ascended the steps of the house and asked if Miss Morgan was at home.

The servant answered in the affirmative.

As Mr. Rhodes passed along the hall he thought over the part he had to perform—how he should introduce the subject; how, if the debt should prove to be onerous, he should contrive to lighten the burden by his own abilities. And when he reached the door he had conned his salutation to the lady and his opening speech on the subject of his official call.

The servant opened the door. Mr. Rhodes entered with a bow. He blushed, hesitated and at length took a seat, to which Miss Morgan directed him by a graceful turn of her hand.

After a few moments' hesitancy Mr. Rhodes felt that it was his business to open a conversation that would explain the subject of his visit, so he offered, by way of preface, a few remarks upon the coldness of the spring.

"Yes," said Miss Morgan, "but yet, cold as the weather has been, and even notwithstanding a few frosts, you see the trees have their richest foliage, and the flowers are luxuriant."

"True," said Mr. Rhodes, "it seems that, though there may be a great deal of coldness, nature will have her own way and in time assert her prerogative—late, perhaps, Miss Morgan, but still the same."

Mr. Rhodes felt rather startled at his own speech, and, looking up, was infinitely astonished to see that Miss Morgan was blushing like one of the roses that were hanging against the window.

"We are always pleased," said Miss Morgan, "to see what we admire breaking through the chilling influences by which they have been restrained and satisfying our hopes of their ultimate disclosure."

Miss Morgan was looking directly toward the bush on which three roses were clustering in most gorgeous richness.

Mr. Rhodes put his hand into his pocket and felt of the official papers, to gather a little courage from their contact.

"I have," said Mr. Rhodes, "an attachment."

Miss Morgan this time lent blushes to the rose.

"The attachment, Miss Morgan, is of a distant date, and I felt that too much time had already elapsed—that, indeed, instead of intrusting it, as I might have done, to another, I thought that in a matter of so much delicacy it would be proper for me to come in person."

"For me, Mr. Rhodes—the attachment for me?"

"As I was saying, Miss Morgan, the attachment I have, and I felt it a matter of delicacy to come in person, thinking that my own means might be considered if there was any deficiency in the value of this property."

"Mr. Rhodes, you seem to be rather enigmatical."

"I nevertheless," said Mr. R., "mean to speak very plainly when I say that with reference to this attachment, Miss Morgan, should you honor me so far as to accept my profession my pecuniary means would be devoted to the—to the attachment."

"I was," said Miss Morgan, "wholly unprepared for this."

"I was afraid that was the case," said Mr. Rhodes, "and therefore I thought it more delicate to make the offer in person."

"You are very considerate, Mr. Rhodes."

"Am I, then, to understand, Miss Morgan, that my proposition is agreeable to you—in other words, that it is accepted?"

"Mr. Rhodes," said the lady, with much hesitation, "I must claim a little time to think of it."

"I will call, then, on my return from the village beyond."

"Let me ask a little more time," said she. "Say next week."

"Miss Morgan," said Mr. Rhodes, "the matter requires immediate answer. The attachment is of an old date, and time now is everything. My feelings are deeply interested, and may I not hope that, while you are using so short a time to consider a subject which you are pleased to view as of such great delicacy with regard to yourself, you will allow my feelings to weigh with you in deciding in favor of my proposition, which, I assure you, is made after due deliberation upon my ability to perform my part of the contract."

Mr. Rhodes then took his leave, astonished at his own volubility, which, indeed, nothing could have induced but his desire to relieve one so much esteemed as Miss Morgan from present embarrassment.

Mr. Rhodes drove to a neighboring place deeply occupied with his good purposes toward Miss Morgan, satisfying himself that the pecuniary sacrifice he had proposed was due to his untold and unknown affection for her and not beyond his means.

Miss Morgan felt a renewal of all those feelings which had rather been dormant than quenched in her bosom and desired the advice of her married sister, who was unfortunately absent. That Mr. Rhodes had once felt a strong attachment to her she could not doubt. That he had continued to cherish, as she had done, the reciprocal feeling she had not ventured to hope. But as it was evident that the proposition of Mr. Rhodes was not from any sudden impulse, Miss Morgan resolved to signify her assent to a proposition so worthy of consideration on all accounts.

In less than two hours Mr. Rhodes drove up to the door again, fastened his horse and was readmitted to the little back parlor which he had occupied in an earlier part of the day.

"Miss Morgan," said Mr. Rhodes, "before receiving your answer, which I trust you are prepared to give in favor of accepting my proposals, I wish to state to you that I have considered all the circumstances of my situation and yours and find myself better able, from some previously unconsidered matters, to keep my part of the arrangement than I thought myself when I ventured to make the offer; so that the kindness, if you will have that word used in this matter, is all on your side."

"Under present circumstances—I mean those of our long acquaintance and our family intercourse, though of late rather interrupted," said Miss Morgan, "and my right, by years," she added, casting a glance at a looking glass that showed only matured womanhood, "to speak for myself, I have concluded to consider your proposal favorably."

"Consider, Miss Morgan, consider favorably! May I not hope you mean that you will accept it?"

Miss Morgan gave no answer.

"Nay, then, it is accepted," said Mr. Rhodes with a vivacity that Miss Morgan thought would have brought him to her lips—her hand at least.

"How happy you have made me," said Mr. Rhodes. "Having now disposed of this matter, there are ten days allowed."

"That's very short," said Miss Morgan, "only ten days. You seem to be in a haste unusual to you at least."

"It is the attachment, and not I, that is imperative."

"You speak rather abstractedly, Mr. Rhodes."

"But truly, very truly, Miss Morgan."

"But why limit us to ten days?"

"The attachment requires it."

"I thought," said she, smiling, "the attachment would be for life."

Mr. Rhodes looked exceedingly confused. At length he started suddenly toward the lady.

"My dear Miss Morgan, is it possible that for once in my life I have blundered into the right path? Can I have been so fortunately misconceived?"

"If there is any mistake," said Miss Morgan, "I hope it will be cleared up immediately. I can scarcely think that Mr. Rhodes would intentionally offend an unprotected orphan, the daughter of his former friends."

Mr. Rhodes hastily pulled from his pocket his writ of attachment and showed it to Miss Morgan.

"This is certainly your name, and this property"—

"Is the disputed possession," said Miss Morgan, "of my sister-in-law of the same name, Mrs. Susan Morgan."

Mr. Rhodes stood confounded. He was afraid of the course which the matter was likely to take.

"So, Mr. Rhodes, you see the attachment was for this property. Now, as it is not mine, and as, indeed, I have little of my own, you, of course, have no claim upon my person."

"I beg your pardon, my dear Miss Morgan; I beg your pardon. You have not the property, indeed, for me to attach, but be pleased to read lower down on the writ. You will see—look at it, if you please—'for want thereof take the body.'"

"But, Mr. Rhodes, the promise was extorted under a misapprehension, so that I am released."

"No, not at all. You are required only to fulfill the promise just as you intended when you made it. And as to the attachment for the widow and her property, I'll serve that by deputy."

In ten days the clergyman, and not the magistrate, was called in, and the whole arrangement was consummated.

And Aunt Arabella, who was so careful about the tenth commandment, declared that it said nothing about coveting a neighbor's husband, and if it had she did not think she should violate it.—Indianapolis Sun.

Caves Out of Fashion.

"Caves are going out of fashion," said C. T. Griscom of Bowling Green, Ky. "I can remember when no bridal trip was considered complete unless Mammoth cave was included in the itinerary. Even Hannibal cave, in Missouri, a much inferior cavern, was visited by thousands of people annually. Lookout Mountain cave, a rather unattractive hole in the mountain, drew enough people to make a hack line to it pay well. Now there are not one-fourth the visitors to Mammoth cave that there were 20 years ago, although it is accessible by railroad and the hard stage trip is no longer necessary. Hannibal cave is never heard of; Lookout cave is boarded up; Wyandotte cave, in southern Indiana, one of the most remarkable ever discovered, fails to draw visitors, and even Luray caverns, situated where they are easily accessible from eastern cities, attract comparatively few. It is evident that caves as scenic attractions are losing popularity."—Washington Star.

TIP THE BARBER OR SUFFER.

Troubles That May Overtake a Prudent Man In New York Barber Shops.

The subject of barber's tips has bobbed up for discussion. Every man who patronizes a barber shop instead of shaving himself knows what a heavy tax these tips are. The man who gets shaved in a first class shop and forgets to tip the barber at least 10 cents is bound to feel uncomfortable the next time he goes there. Men who don't tip are spotted after the first visit in many shops, and they are made to feel their delinquency in a dozen little ways, of which the proprietor is apparently ignorant. There are shrugs of the shoulder and sneers and little delays that disappear as soon as one begins to tip.

One barber shop in a down town hotel depends on strangers almost entirely for its patronage. After one visit to it the victim swears that he never will go there again. As soon as one enters the door he is the center of a struggle between three colored bootblacks. They spring from different corners of the room and rush and fight with one another for the victim's hat. The man who wants a shave no sooner emerges from this encounter than he finds that half a dozen barbers are bidding for his patronage. As soon as he is safely anchored in a chair his troubles double. The man who is shaving him tells him that his hair is falling out. Will he have a little elixir on it? If he nods, he will find after he has been shaved that the bottle has been wrapped up for him and $1 added to his check. His barber will try to sell him half a dozen different lotions, and the victim is pretty sure to find one or two of them charged on his check, whether he has ordered them or not. The barbers get a commission on each bottle sold. If he fails to offer a tip promptly, the barbers will ask for it. So will the colored bootblacks.

Not long ago a New Jersey man got shaved in this shop, and rather than talk he nodded to everything that the barber said. When he left the chair, a check for $3.60 was presented to him. He found that he had bought three bottles of hair tonic that he didn't want, but he had to pay for them, despite his protests. This is only one of half a dozen similar shops in New York where a man must at least tip if he expects to escape without trouble.—New York Sun.

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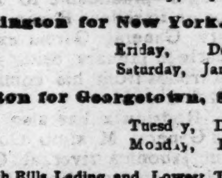

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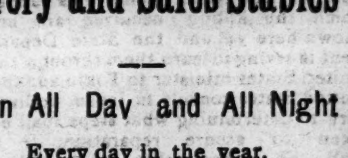

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DAILY 9.25 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.03 a m, Warsaw 11.15 a m, Goldsboro 12.05 a m, Wilson 12.55 p m, Rocky Mount 1.47 p m, Tarboro 2.45 p m, Weldon 4.33 p m, Petersburg 6.23 p m, Richmond 7 15 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.30 p m, Baltimore 12.53 a m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 3.00 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.57 p m, Weldon 1.47 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.16 a m, Richmond 4.10 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.25 a m, New York 2.03 p m, Boston 9.00 p m.

DAILY except Sunday 2 40 p m — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4 31 p m, Newbern 5 40 p m.

SOUTHBOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 p m, Chadbourn 5.40 p m, Marion 6.40 p m, Florence 7.20 p m, Sumter 9.30 p m, Columbia 10.10 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 8.20 a m, Macon 11.30 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.55 p m, Savannah 1 58 a m, Jacksonville 8.20 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 6.45 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.12 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12 47 p m, Wilson 2.37 p m, Goldsboro 3 20 p m, Warsaw 4.11 p m, Magnolia 4 24 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.20 p m, Weldon 9.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.01 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.22 a m, Goldsboro 7.01 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.05 a m.

DAILY except Sunday 11 59 a m — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9 00 a m, Jacksonville 10 18 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.00 a m, Sanford 1.50 p m, Jacksonville 8.10 p m, Savannah 1 48 a m, Charleston 6.33 a m, Columbia 7.00 a m, Atlanta 8 20 a m, Macon 9.20 a m, Augusta 3.05 p m, Denmark 4.50 p m, Sumter 8 25 a m, Florence 10 05 a m, Marion 10 41 a m, Chadbourn 11 45 a m, Lake Waccamaw 12.16 p m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3 55 p m, Halifax 4.30 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 50 a m, Greenville 8.52 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 18 a m, Weldon 11.33 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 a m and 2 30 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 4 00 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 00 a m and 7.30 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 p m, Sunday, 4 05 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m and 6 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 a m, and Sunday 9 a m. Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m and 11 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.20 a m and 4.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.00 a m, arrive Latta 10.58 a m, Dillon 10 50 a m, Rowland 11 05 a m., returning leaves Rowland 6 10 p m, arrives Dillon 6.29 p m, Latta 6.43 p m, Pee Dee 7.05 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 11.50 a m, arrive Conway 2.10 p m, leave Conway 2 45 p m, Chadbourn 5.45 p m, arrive Hub 6.25 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 33 p m, Manning 7.00 p m, arrive Lane's 7 33 p m, leave Lanes 8.28 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.55 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 9.14 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10 28 a m, Cheraw 11 40 a m, Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 8.15 p m, arrive Darlington 9.00 p m., Hartsville 9 55 p m, Bennettsville 9 55 p m, Gibson 10 20 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10.27 a m. Hartsville 11 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 45 a m, arrive Darlington 7 30 a m, leave Darlington 9 00 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 29 p m, arrive Florence 7 00 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 8 20 a m, Darlington 9 05 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.20 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 3.15 p m, Smithfield 3.22 p m, Dunn 4 10 p m, Fayetteville 4.47 p m, 1.14 a m, Rowland 6.10 p m, returning leave Rowland 9 33 a m, Fayetteville 12.33 a m, 10.35 p m, Dunn 1.05 p m, Smithfield 1.48 p m, Selma 1.57 p m, arrive Wilson 2 35 p m, 12 22 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 40 a m, Creston 5 32 a m, arrive Denmark 6 30 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 50 p m, Creston 5 42 p m, Sumter 6 40 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 a m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 8.05 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9.05 p m. Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

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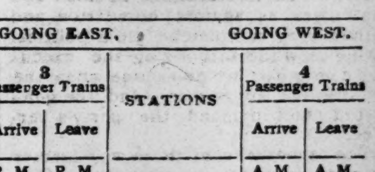

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28th 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Trains Arrive	Leave
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....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	
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5 35	5 45	Newbern	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City	7 42	7 47
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Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a. m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 22, 1897

TEMPORARY INSANITY.

Suicide of Miss Lelia Herbert, Daughter of Ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert, of Alabama.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—Miss Lelia Herbert, daughter of ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert, of Alabama, jumped from her bedroom window, in the third story of her father's house on New Hampshire avenue, this city, this forenoon and sustained injuries from which she died a short time afterward. She had been confined to her room for some time, the result of an accident while horseback riding in Virginia.

This afternoon the following authorized statement was made by a gentleman familiar with all of the facts of the suicide:

"Miss Herbert, at the time of the occurrence, was suffering from acute melancholia. It developed several weeks ago as the final result of injuries received by being thrown from her horse last Spring. The melancholia was not insanity in the sense of being accompanied by delusions. At the same time there was profound depression and as is always the case in this type of disease, there was great danger that suicidal tendencies would develop. For this reason nurses were provided to maintain the closest watch. No suicidal tendency developed, however, until yesterday when, for the first time Miss Herbert made an attempt to get out of the window but was restrained by the nurse. This led to additional caution and two nurses alternated in constant watchfulness of the patient. She was at all times rational, quiet and gentle and it was supposed the disease would yield to treatment. Early this morning the nurse on duty noticed a small spot of blood on the bed coverings. She inquired what it meant, but the invalid endeavored to pass it by lightly. On making an investigation, however, the nurse found that the under bedclothes were saturated with blood and that Miss Herbert had severed the artery of her wrist with a pair of scissors. Feeling that the emergency was great, the nurse hastened to the door and sounded an alarm. In this momentary withdrawal from the bedside, Miss Herbert leaped out and sprang from the window. The plunge was made head foremost, so that she alighted on the top of her head on the asphalt pavement. This injury alone was sufficient to have caused death from concussion and it was doubtless the immediate cause. Aside from this a cursory examination indicated that the skull was fractured. The severance of the artery also would have resulted fatally. When the physician reached her, Miss Herbert was still breathing, but died about an hour after the leap."

The coroner returned a verdict of suicide during temporary insanity. As the facts in the case were clear, he decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Ex Secretary Herbert reached Washington at 10 o'clock to-night, having been on his way home to spend the Christmas holidays with his family when the news of his daughter's death met him on the way.

The funeral will be held to morrow and the remains will be taken to Montgomery, Ala., for burial beside Miss Herbert's mother.

OPPOSED TO AUTONOMY.

The Conservative Party in Cuba Declare That Autonomy Will Not Bring Peace to the Island.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, December 21.—At to-day's meeting of the Conservative party, over 800 delegates said to represent 80 per cent. of the wealth of the island being present, several of the speakers insisted that the president, the Marquis of Apezegui, should explain his conduct and utterances as published in the newspapers of Madrid. The Marquis, in a speech of two hours' duration, satisfactorily explained matters and denied the accuracy of the news published in Madrid. In all, twenty-seven speeches were made against autonomy, all the speakers agreeing that autonomy will not bring peace to the island, as proved by the protests of the members of the Cuban Junta of New York and the recent death of Lieut. Col. Ruiz and five other Spanish commissioners who have been killed by the insurgents.

Senor Zan o Guzman, a former president of Congress, began his speech at 4 30 this morning. He skillfully touched upon the patriotic sentiments of the Spanish people, and referring to President McKinley's recent message to Congress he protested against it, alleging that it was offensive to Spain, to Gen. Weyler and the Spanish, and holding that it indicated probable early intervention, a "warning to a most haughty nation which will not permit such a humiliation."

Senor Guzman succeeded in unifying the opposing factions in the party, thus avoiding the disruption which had been encouraged by the Reformists.

Senor Guzman submitted a motion which was unanimously approved, expressing confidence in President Apezlegui and the executive committee and confirming the political platform of the party, which is essentially Spanish and centralism as against home rule, and withdrawing completely from political struggles, while authorizing the executive committee to determine when the condition of the country and the general in chief demand the party's service.

The executive committee was further authorized to cable a message to Gen. Weyler, the substance of which was that at a mass meeting of the reunited Union Constitutional party, the policy of his excellency was endorsed and the party assured the General that he had its support.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW

The Subject of Discussion at a Cabinet Meeting Held Yesterday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, December 21.—Today's cabinet meeting was devoted en-almost entirely to a discussion of the operations of the civil service law. The resolution adopted by the Senate last Friday calling upon the executive heads of the several departments of the government for information concerning the application of the civil service law to their departments and for an expression of their opinions as to what, if any, modifications ought to be made in it, was the subject directly under discussion. While the system was pretty thoroughly discussed, it can be said upon the authority of three members of the cabinet that no definite policy was outlined beyond a determination to maintain the principle of the civil service.

MR. BRYAN IN MEXICO.

Called on the Cabinet Ministers and Entertained at Dinner by President Diaz.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEXICO CITY, December 21.—Mr. Bryan called on all the cabinet ministers this morning and this evening, with Mrs. Bryan was entertained at dinner by President and Mrs. Diaz at their city residence. The Bryan party leaves for Vera Cruz in the morning and will return to this city Saturday night, when they will go to Guadalajara and thence home.

BATTLE OF YACTA FORD.

A CRUSHING DEFEAT OF SPANISH FORCES BY INSURGENTS.

Cubans Largely Outnumbered, But Forced the Spaniards to Withdraw—Two Hundred Spanish Dead Left on the Field.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Following is the Cuban version of the battle fought at Yacta ford, on the Caute river, on December 14th last:

The details were received through the mails by Capt. Alfredo Rodriguez, a Cuban insurgent officer, who is invalided in this city. It tells of a crushing defeat inflicted upon the Spanish General Pando. Captain Rodrigues' correspondent says:

"A part of General Calixto Garcia's force under Lieutenant Colonel Salvator Rios was holding the Yacta ford at the Caute river in order that reinforcements might be sent to the city of Bayamo, besieged by General Roloff. General Calixto Garcia's main force was a little further up the river, protecting a ford threatened by General Pando. General Aldave, in command of two thousand Spanish infantry regulars, a squadron of cavalry and 3,000 guerilla volunteers, twenty-two cannon and six light gunboats, attacked Rios.

"Stationing his artillery on the hills commanding the Yacta ford, Aldave opened a hot fire on the insurgent works on the opposite side of the Caute river. Rios and his five hundred Cubans retired into the cover of the woods and the ford was open for the Spaniard's passage.

"Aldave advanced a column of infantry across the ford, holding their rifles and ammunition-belts above their heads, the men being protected by a continued artillery fire. Rios, seeing that he could not hold his position without help, sent a volunteer courier, Lieutenant Chase Hickman, an American, to General Calixto Garcia, up the river. Hickman had to ride directly through the enemy's fire, but made the passage safely. Rios harangued his little band, urging them to sell their lives dearly, as the campaign in the east depended upon their successful resistance.

"Meanwhile, General Aldave landed 1,500 more men on the farther side and General Pando with a large force at this time made a feint upon the upper ford. General Garcia, deceived by Pando's movement, decided that he could spare only a small reinforcement to Colonel Rios, and sent Colonel Carlos Garcia with only 200 mounted men down the river. This reinforcement, small as it was, renewed the hopes of the defenders of the Yacta, and uniting their cheers with those of Carlos Garcia's men, they charged the Spanish with the bayonet.

"The Cubans, however, were so heavily outnumbered that they were forced to give way by the sheer weight of the enemy. Carlos Garcia's horse was shot under him and Colonel Rios was wounded slightly in the leg. Colonel Garcia's escort renewed the charge with the machetes this time and held the Spanish forces in check for a short while.

"When General Calixto Garcia saw through General Pando's feints on the upper ford and realized at once how hard pressed the insurgents at the Yacta must be, he dispatched Gen. Jesus Rabi, with 1,000 cavalry, to their relief. These arrived just as the Spanish were recovering ground from the machete charge and fell suddenly upon their rear, throwing the troops who had crossed the ford into confusion.

"The Spanish had to give ground and became exposed to the fire from their own artillery in the hills and from the six gunboats which had joined in the bombardment of Rios' men. General Aldave ordered this destructive fire to cease, reformed his attacking party and dispatched a message to General Pando for assistance in carrying the Cuban position.

"But it was too late. The Cubans, reforming, raised their battle shout of 'Al machete! Cuba libre!' and fell upon the Spanish ranks with terrible effect. A body of 1,000 guerillas were cut off from Aldave's force and threw down their arms. General Rabi, knowing the half-hearted loyalty of these volunteers, told them that they must fight their own comrades or be cut to pieces. They obeyed and fought desperately on the Cuban side.

"General Aldave, seeing that his men would be annihilated, withdrew them across the ford, again protected by the artillery fire. General Pando, with an escort, rode down from the upper ford and directed the Spanish retreat.

"The Cuban loss in this engagement was 106 killed and about 800 wounded. General Rabi's men found 200 Spanish dead, and General Aldave in his report to Havana said his wounded numbered 200. The Cubans believe they inflicted much more damage; that the Spanish troops carried away many of their dead and minimized the number of wounded, reporting only one-fourth. Among the Cubans killed was Major Llenada and Captain Garcia, a son of a rich planter. The Spanish left on the field Lieutenant Colonel Llave, two captains and an assistant surgeon and the standard of arms of the battalion Llanaros."

General Garcia promoted Hickman, the daring courier, to the rank of captain, on the field. Pando has reported to General Blanco that 100,000 men are needed to break the backbone of the insurgent opposition in the east, and that it is no longer practicable to continue the campaign to relieve Bayamo.

This city General Garcia expects to capture early in January, being now able to detach troops from his command to send to Roloff's aid.

Captain Rodriguez has also received news that General Maximo Gomez has crossed the Jabonica river, at Ciego de Avila, and has continued on his march to effect a junction with General Rodriguez.

KILLED BY JAPANESE.

Two American Sailors on the Asiatic Station—State Department Investigating the Matter.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Department of State has undertaken an investigation of two very disagreeable incidents that may contain in themselves the germs of serious trouble in the near future. These are the killing by Japanese of two American sailors on the Asiatic station. The exact conditions under which the killing occurred are not known here yet and the State Department is trying to learn them through the United States minister to Tokio and the United States consuls in Japan, preliminary to determining what steps shall be taken to secure reparation, if it shall be found that the killing was, as is expected, unjustifiable. The first killing was of a sailor named Montgomery, formerly attached to the Yorktown while she was on the Asiatic station, and the last was that of Frank Epps, a sailor, native of New York and an apprentice on the flagship Olympia. He was killed at Nagasaki. The officials here have been advised of the bare facts only, but following so closely on the terrible assault at Koba last September, of Japanese upon the sailors of the Yorktown, these killings have aroused them to a determination to secure protection for our sailors in Japanese ports.

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II CHINA AND THE POWERS.

Evidence That the German Occupation of Kiao Chou is to be Permanent—Japan and England Acting in Concert—A Russian Military Force En Route from Siberia.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, December 21.—The Cologne *Gazette* maintains the accuracy of the statement that the Russian occupation of Port Arthur was connected with the visit there of the British warship Daphne about a week ago. As a proof it points out that there were neither Russian ships nor a Russian consul at Port Arthur at the time the Daphne visited the harbor, and it argues that Russia could only have learned of the visit through China's complaint.

LONDON, December 21.—According to a special dispatch from Shanghai the British squadron will make a demonstration at Che Foo, on the north coast of the Shan-Tung promontory, as a warning, it is supposed, that Great Britain intends to oppose the division of China without consulting her. It is reported here that Russia has offered China a loan to pay off the indemnity of the war with Japan; and it is believed, says the dispatch, that Japan and England are acting in concert to preserve China from disintegration favoring the idea of a protectorate over Central China, with a capital at Nanking.

LONDON, December 22.—A German-Chinese commission has been arranged, according to a dispatch from Shanghai to the *Daily Mail*, to settle the boundaries of the occupied district at Kiao Chou, and it is evident, therefore, that the occupation will be permanent. The dispatch says it is rumored in Shanghai that the British intend to occupy Ta-lien-Wan, south of Port Arthur, in order to guard the gulf of Pe-Chi-Li.

The *Daily Mail's* correspondent at Tokio says there is no excitement there over the news from Port Arthur. The press is calm and the public is indifferent. It is rumored also, the dispatches allege, that a large Russian military force is coming by land from Siberia.

A special dispatch from Brest says the French cruiser Jean Bart has been ordered to proceed immediately to China.

SHANGHAI, December 21.—The German Admiral commanding at Kiao Chou bay refuses to admit newspaper men within the German lines.

BERLIN, December 21.—The Cologne *Gazette* embarrassed the Government to-day by declaring that the other Powers would soon follow the example of Germany and Russia, now that the partition of China had actually commenced. Other papers have expressed opinions in a similar vein.

It has been hinted that Prince Henry's destination is another point than Kiao Chou, and that he will receive the supreme command in the China seas.

CHICAGO WHEAT DEAL.

Statement Made by P. D. Armour and Joseph Leiter—Alleged to be a Big Armour-Leiter Combine.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 21.—"A mere incident, I assure you. We are now practically out of the whole matter. We have a little wheat yet to deliver; the necessary bushels are ready for delivery when the proper time approaches for the filling of these comparatively small outstanding contracts, and there is an end of the affair in so far as we are concerned."

Thus with characteristic terseness does P. D. Armour define his position in these, the closing days of one of the biggest wheat deals that has marked the history of the Board of Trade.

Joseph Leiter, his youthful opponent, is just as calm and confident in his expression as the big provision man. "Mr. Armour sold wheat," he declares, "and I bought of him. That is all. There was no battle. It was a common almost elementary business transaction. I shall sell the wheat which I have purchased when the needs of the foreign trade demand it. I shall sell at a profit and that is the closing chapter of my part of the story."

These statements coming from the principals of the December wheat deal have caused much comment in Board of Trade circles. Will Joseph Leiter make a profit on the round 4,000,000 bushels of real wheat which he had placed in his hands by the provision man is now the question.

The report is going the rounds that the whole affair was productive of results indicating a big Armour-Leiter combine. In many minds this rumor was given credence. The manipulation of the local market by Leiter's agents pulling the wires from the Liverpool end was recited over and over. This idea, however, is ridiculed by the majority of traders.

Some members of the board say that Leiter has secured 5,000,000 bushels of the cereal. Others place the figure as high as 15,000,000, while the more conservative are willing to admit that half the latter amount is nearer the correct estimate. Mr. Leiter asserts that just as much of this will go abroad as the foreign market calls for, if "they pay him his price."

"Some folks on the board think I can't transport grain eastward by rail without a loss, do they?" said Mr. Leiter. "Well, possibly they can't, but I'm willing to play out my end of the game along my own lines, and I may differ with these prophets considerably."

SENT TO A PENITENTIARY.

John D. Hart, Principal Owner of the Steamer Laurada, Convicted of Aiding a Filibustering Expedition.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, December 21.—John D. Hart, the principal owner of the vessels of the Hart Steamship Company, against which vessels there have been many charges of filibustering for the Cuban cause, was this evening taken to the Eastern penitentiary. Hart was convicted in the U. S. District Court several months ago of aiding a Cuban filibustering expedition on the steamship Laurada and sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary. Pending decision on an appeal to the U. S. Court of Appeals from this sentence, Hart was allowed his liberty under $7,000 bail.

To-day Jesse Eldridge, one of Hart's four bondsmen, notified the court that he desired to be relieved of his security, and Hart's re-arrest followed. Mr. Eldridge made no explanation of his action to the court, and Hart was given the alternative to furnish other security or go to prison. He could not obtain new security, and in the custody of the United States marshal was taken to the penitentiary. Under instructions of the court, he can obtain his release upon furnishing the required security.

EXPRESS ROBBERY.

A Package Containing $1,000 Stolen From the Office in Columbia, S. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., December 21.—A special to the *Constitution* from Columbia, S. C., says: A package, containing $1,000 in cash, was stolen from the Southern Express in this city some time between Sunday morning and Monday morning of this week, and the city is now full of the best secret service men on the pay rolls of the Express company and the Pinkertons.

N. C. SUPREME COURT.

DECISIONS ANNOUNCED IN SEVERAL CASES OF IMPORTANCE.

Governor Russell Commutes the Death Sentence of Riley Pate to Imprisonment—Legislative Examining Committee's Report—Marshal Dockery's Clerks.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*

RALEIGH, N. C., December 21.

Representative Brown, of Jones county, a bolting Populist who voted for Senator Pritchard, is to be chief clerk in the office of the Marshal of the Eastern District, Henry C. Dockery. Senator Sharpe, from Wilson, a Republican, is to be the other clerk. This news comes straight, and the statement that Claudius Dockery is to have a position in the office under his uncle is erroneous.

Brown is the first of the bolting Populists who sold out to Pritchard to receive a Federal office. Mr. Dockery will not be sworn in until the 15th of January.

It is said the report of the legislative examining committee will show that there is about $100,000 in the treasury. Now the people can rightly demand to know why the Treasurer has refused to meet the payment of many appropriations. Father Worth is a government all in himself.

George Jones, a young white man who buys tobacco on the local market, has been placed in jail to await the Criminal Court on the charge of stealing $20 from his room-mate at the Park Hotel.

Oscar Spears will get the assistant district attorneyship for the Eastern district. This is decided.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

The Supreme Court decides that there is no error in the case of Broadfoot vs. Fayetteville.

The court sustained the decision of the lower court in the case of the commissioners of Stanly county vs. Suggs, thus rendering worthless one hundred thousand dollars of bonds in the Stanly railroad, purchased by New Yorkers. The bill authorizing the railroad failed to pass a third reading in the Legislature.

The Governor commutes the death sentence of Riley Pate, the boy murderer, from Yancey county, to imprisonment for life.

The Legislative examining committee has adjourned. The committee's report shows a balance in the State Treasury November 30th, 1897, the end of the fiscal year, of $103,319 60. The next day pension warrants covering that amount were issued.

COAL MINERS' RATE.

Discussion of the Matter Postponed—An Interstate Convention to Fix a Uniform Rate.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, PA., December 21.—The joint convention of coal miners and operators of the Pittsburg district, which met here to-day to fix a rate for mining for the coming year, decided to postpone the discussion of a rate pending the outcome of the movement for an interstate convention, at which a uniform rate for Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois will be fixed.

At the afternoon session a committee was appointed which will meet in Columbus, O, December 27th to fix a temporary rate to be in force from January 1st to January 15th. The committee will also make arrangements for the holding of an interstate convention before the expiration of the temporary scale to establish a price for the year satisfactory to the several States interested.

THEATRE AND HOTEL BURNED.

Fire in Kansas City, Missouri—Loss Over $300,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KANSAS CITY, MO., December 21.—The Auditorium, the finest play house west of Chicago, and the Auditorium Hotel, one of the most fashionable family hostelries in the city, were gutted by fire that was started in the hotel shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. The 106 guests escaped in safety, although many were compelled to leave the building in their night clothes. The loss on the entire property, which is owned by Alex Frazier, a local business man, is between $300,000 and $350,000. The total insurance amounts to but $80,000. Owing to a high insurance rate a great deal of the insurance had been allowed to lapse.

WARM WIRELETS

Lieutenant General Weyler is preparing to publish a protest against President McKinley's message to Congress.

Bishop Emard, of Canada, who has recently returned from a visit to Pope Leo, says "the Pope is in excellent health."

A dispatch from Vienna says the Arabs along the Persian gulf, notably at Basrah, Kurnah and Elkalif, have revolted, and Turkish troops are on the way there.

William Plume Moran died in Washington city yesterday. For forty years he was registrar of the Navy Department, and was in the service nearly three-quarters of a century.

Fire destroyed the business portion of Duniphan, Mo, yesterday morning. Twenty-six houses were burned, and the total loss is estimated at $100,000, with about $88,000 insurance.

Matty Matthews got the decision over Mike Leonard, the "Beau-Brummel of the ring," at the end of their twentieth round bout in Rochester, N. Y., last night. Leonard was weak throughout.

The fight at catch-weights between Dick Burge and Dick O'Brien at the Olympia club, London, Eng., was a fiasco. O'Brien was out of condition and forfeited to Burge on a foul in the fourth round.

Charles E. Stubbs started last night for Europe, as a special envoy of this Government, appointed by Secretary Wilson, of the Agricultural Department, to encourage the use of American horses among the cavalry of Europe.

Notices have been posted at the Fishdale cotton mills in Sturbridge, Mass., that on and after January 3d the wage scale will be lowered. The amount of the reduction, it is understood, will be between ten and eleven per cent.

In the New York dry goods market store trading yesterday was of a thoroughly active character. The general tone of the market is hopeful with seller in the main strong in the belief that there would be increasing sales for the Spring trade.

On December 12th, John A. Campbell, caterer for the students mess hall at the University of Virginia, was chloroformed and robbed of a considerable sum of money. Stacey Betzler, of Newark, N. J., a medical student at the University, has been arrested on the charge of being concerned in the robbery.

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For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

U. S. STEAMSHIP BANCROFT.

Fired Upon While Entering the Port at Smyrna—Apology Demanded and Given by the Turkish Government.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec 21.—It appears that when the United States steamship Bancroft arrived at Smyrna, on the night of Dec 4th she was greeted with a blank shot and rifle bullets from the fort of Yenikale. A boat from the warship sent shorewards to ask for explanations was fired upon and compelled to return. Thereupon the American admiral lodged a protest with the United States minister here, Dr. James B. Angell, who demanded the punishment of the guilty parties and an apology from the Turkish Government, which was on Sunday last. In addition two Turkish officers were dismissed and sentenced to a week's arrest.

The entry of ships into Smyrna at night is prohibited but on this occasion the lamps in the outer light houses were still burning and the Bancroft stopped when the requisite signals were made.

Ex-President Cleveland and party passed through Georgetown, S. C., yesterday, on their way home. The party had good sport Monday and killed 98 mallard ducks, of which 42 were credited to the ex-President.

The Millbury cotton mills, at Worcester, Mass., following the lead of the Fall River mills, have posted a notice of a cut of 10 per cent. to take effect January 3rd.

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Just received another fresh lot of that fine Roasted Laguayra Coffee, which, taking the verdict of those who use it, is the best in the city; no exceptions. Come try it. Atlantic Tea Co., 6.8 North Fourth street. Bell Telephone 103. de 19 tf

For this week only, 18 Photographs for one dollar. Front between Church and Castle streets. These are no tintypes. J. J. Burnett. de 19 1w

Ladies wanted to travel and appoint agents for old established house. Permanent position; $40 per month and all expenses. Z, Box 82, Philadelphia. de 18 D&W tf

Tonsorial Parlor—Shaving and Hair Dressing. Prompt and polite attention. Hair cut 20 cents, shave (without Bay Rum) 10 cents. Wm. Tienken, 17 Princess street. de 17 1m

A word to the wise is sufficient. The best Fruit and Confectioneries, served daintily, can be found at Andrew Mavronichols, 705 North Fourth street. Bell 'Phone 846, Inter-State 191. A large shipment of fine Jamaica Bananas just received. dec 16 tf

Fresh Ground Graham Flour, Big Hominy, N. C. head Rice, choice Hay and all kinds of feed, Lowest prices. Jno. S. McEachern. Bell Phone 92. Inter-State Phone No. 93. de 9 tf

For best prices and prompt returns ship your Country Produce to M. C. Benson, 106 Dock street. Beef Cattle, Milch Cows and Pork a specialty. dec 1 tf

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Notice.

Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Superior Court of New Hanover county, made at the September term, 1897, in a cause pending wherein Martha F. Maunder, executrix, is plaintiff, and F. Meier et al, are defendants, I will at 12 o'clock m., on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1898, sell at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the county of New Hanover, aforesaid, the lot of land and premises described in the complaint, situate in the city of Wilmington, N. C., and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the southern line of Market street 60 feet westwardly from the southwestern intersection of Market and Fifteenth streets, and running thence along said line of Market street westwardly 30 feet, thence southwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the northern line of Meadow street, thence eastwardly along said line of Meadow street and parallel with Market street 30 feet, and thence northwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the beginning, the same being a part of the eastern ends of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 487, according to the plan of said city.

This the 9th day of December, 1897.

ROBERT C. ORRELL, Commissioner.

A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. dec 19 30t

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OF THE EIGHTH SERIES OF THE

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